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Feedback from Informal Community Engagement

For Pitlochry High School (Secondary)

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1) SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Website and Online Questionnaires

A 'School Estate Transformation' page was set up on the Perth and Kinross Council website which provided the wider community with an overview of information that the Council would be using in the options appraisal, including pupil projections and building information.

A questionnaire was also available for completion, for those people that could not attend the community engagement events. The questionnaire asked people to respond to a series of options and questions related to the options appraisal.

The questionnaire was available on the Council website from 30 October 2018 to 14 December 2018. 205 online questionnaires were submitted, a number of paper questionnaires were also received.

Drop-in Sessions

A series of informal drop-in sessions were held to seek feedback from the community, staff and pupils on the future of Pitlochry High School (Secondary). Nine drop-in sessions took place:

Date	Session Details	Venue
30 October 2018	Staff	Pitlochry High School
3 November 2018	Community - 9.30 am - 1.30 pm	Pitlochry Town Hall
6 November 2018	Community - 3.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Pitlochry High School
8 November 2018	P6 & P7 Pupils, S1 - S4 Pupils	Pitlochry High School
14 November 2018	S5&6 Pupils at Breadalbane from Pitlochry High catchment area	Breadalbane Academy
19 November 2018	Community -10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Pitlochry High School
19 November 2018	Community -3.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Pitlochry High School
27 November 2018	Community - 3.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Mid - Atholl Hall, Ballinluig
6 December 2018	Community - 3.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Blair Atholl Village Hall, Blair Atholl

There were a total of 413 attendances across all community sessions. 45% of the attendees identified themselves as members of the community, 37% as parents/parents of past pupils, 7% as family members, 5% pupils, 5% as 'other', including Local Members and Press and 1% as neighbours of the school.

The Council is grateful to Pitlochry High School Parent Council and Community Councils from the surrounding area for their assistance in the planning and publicity for the drop-in sessions.

This Document

This document lists all feedback collected during the period of informal community engagement, other than approximately 20 comments which were not related to the School Estate Transformation and could not be substantiated.

For the purposes of anonymity some information has been redacted.

ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED

2) Option 1: Improve condition rating of school.

Comments

1. Wouldn't money spent improving buildings be wasted if part of school is then closed?
2. Should be done anyway. Go further and do option 2.
3. This should happen anyway! Building is already past its expected lifespan, isn't it?
4. Should be done anyway, but doesn't address occupancy.
5. This is defacto for all schools and not a real option.
6. Upgrade school to reg standards.
7. Constant improvement necessary for all aspects of the school.
8. The school needs investment, pure and simple.
9. Edu benefits, fin impact, rural factors: (travel, employment, community impact).
10. I think the school rating should already be improved.
11. Should be main priority to keep the school at a safe standard.
12. Why is the school below standard? Closing the school has been a long-term plan for years.
13. Should be done anyway. Not an option.
14. Yes but this should be happening anyways.
15. Option 1 is a given! Pupils currently at the school deserve nothing less. It is the least you can do.
16. Good idea. Why have you not done it? Why does this option need a meeting its common sense.
17. Improving condition is needed and this would keep it open to enable future expansion for new A9 dualling, train station expansion of platform and any possible industry that might come to the area. Keeps options open!
18. Why has the condition rating not been kept at a high level by P&K over the past decade? What has condition rating to do with children's education? Option 1 – not acceptable.
19. Surely P&K should have kept the condition of Pitlochry School all along! Consistent improvement of the condition of condition of the school is a must.
20. The condition of the school should be maintained for the sake of the children there and also to keep this as a viable option when it comes to deciding what will happen. Its common sense.
21. Option 1. Yes condition of school needs drastically improved – ideally rebuilt.
22. This shouldn't be down as an option it should be part of day to day life.
23. This needs to be done anyway. A major improvement is required or perhaps a better option – a rebuild to ensure the future of the community and the school – bring it to community status and use the school more widely.
24. Surely this is irrelevant. Maintenance should be ongoing on a yearly basis. Money invested on cosmetic areas in Perth city: St Pauls square.
25. There is plenty money open to P&K Council from the 250 million that XXXXX has change of.
26. How did the school get to be a 'C' rating? Where was the money to keep it an option 'B' from the Council.
27. It is obvious that the school is in urgent need of upgrade. It is crucial for Pitlochry community that a secondary school presence continues in the town.
28. "Do nothing" is not an option. We need improvements.
29. The school definitely need to be "fit for purpose" – need investment.
30. A must! Declining fabric of Pitlochry HS would weaken almost all future development.
31. This should be a priority in order to improve the education of our young people.

32. Improvement needed to existing building would be necessary. The building looks tired and in need of upgrade and I would think this is reflected in the building.
33. Improvements needed to building which has long exceeded its life expectancy. New building should provide facilities for after school activities for the entire community.
34. Replace prefab building which has perhaps outlined its usefulness and definitely outlasted its "life expectancy." Drastic improvements and additions to current estate to make a huge improvement i.e. new build with more amenities.
35. What does that entail? Are these proper investment or just a mere coat of paint? If it is proper improvement, then it may be relatively cheap to invest further to include S5 & S6.
36. School not too bad but could do with improvements, something along the lines of the school of Alyth which my sister's XXXXX attends. It is an excellent school.
37. There needs to be a new building. Just invest in our community and build us a new campus.
38. Replace areas of school that are in poorer condition.
39. Consider use of space – could capacity rating be increased if no. of room's areas reduced?
40. Move nursery, primary and secondary around to get better capacity rating.
41. Option 1 is essential. Catchment should be expanded S5-S6 should have been included at the beginning.
42. Option 1 is essential. But must be carried out in combination with expansion of the catchment and inclusion of S5 & S6. This will provide the best value for money as more children will be benefiting from the improved facilities.
43. Essential – but in conjunction with other options.
44. Investment in improving and maintaining PHS is absolutely essential, School estate needs investment to enable it to be the centre of educational excellence our children deserve and a community hub for the town.
45. Condition rating improvement is an obvious starting point but it needs to go beyond that – options 2 and 3 together should be included.
46. S5 & S6 need to be available at Pitlochry School. It would act as a catalyst for the whole community. Also, the kids in those years who have travelled to go to Breadalbane have always, for the most part, found it difficult to settle.
47. Condition rating of the school is essentially part of the tools teachers need to give a fuller education. This option should be carried out as heart of all the options being considered.
48. This alone is not enough – it's obvious the school needs to be improved.
49. There is already money set aside for this so it should happen if the school is staying. Of course there was money to build a new one and that was taken away to use for another school. Pitlochry must be made a priority. This is one step but not enough. Option 6 or 5 are the best.
50. Money should be made available to upgrade the school to the required standard, as keeping the rural school is absolutely vital to this community. Where did the money come from to create the Aberfeldy campus?
51. This would be the minimum required as no school should be allowed to fall below the minimum condition rating.
52. Yes could be done needs careful consideration to be done properly. Meaning money to be spent. School need totally rebuilt. Pitlochry needs this to encourage families to live here.
53. No brainer – whole school, not just secondary – in fact especially P1/ N need massive spend or rebuild. Money was allocated by P&K but subsequently withdrawn.
54. This seems to be essential assuming the school continues to exist. If pupils from S4 onwards got to Breadalbane then best buildings could be retained and improved – smaller school but better condition.
55. Yes indeed but this must be achieved with extensive rebuild of school.

56. Improve condition rating of school please. Make it a community school. You will take the heart out the community – if you don't improve. Encourage "golden oldies" to get involved.
57. This should be a priority anyway – children will benefit too!
58. Continued improvement and regular. Needed as it was in Mrs Dobbins' time @ PHS.
59. The council should honour its previous commitment to fund £18M improvements in the condition of the school. The school should not suffer from a lack of investment that it has no control over.
60. Agree – previous commitment of £18M improvements. Why have you not done what you said you would? Why has Pitlochry not got a community campus?
61. This option requires to be undertaken sooner rather than later and is clearly a no-brainer.
62. Totally agree – Pitlochry is a wonderful school educationally. Just a shame it does not have the facilities offered at Breadalbane – this is what the children and the community as a whole need.
63. As this school was only built as a temporary measure in the 1970's – the condition certainly needs improvement and money spent on it.
64. Clearly worthwhile to improve the condition of the building and keep it well maintained.
65. A non-starter in my view. The school would almost certainly close.
66. The council should have put resources into the school to maintain its standards instead of letting things fall to this worrying stage. It would be very beneficial to improve the current condition in any way possible. It still staggers me that Breadalbane was rebuilt and Pitlochry is being overlooked. Pitlochry is more accessible and should be prioritised over other areas.
67. This is contractual as their birth right number and size of secondary's. If there are too many – this will be wasteful and not really solve problem of balancing accommodation with pupil numbers.
68. Wouldn't address the current issue of pupils moving to Breadalbane and would be a waste of the potential opportunity to change the school for the better.
69. This option should be done anyway as part of upgrade of primary and secondary.
70. Pupils/ people benefit from 'healthier' buildings. Don't underestimate the impact on morale/ reputation of keeping buildings contemporary and executing spares. This option goes hand in hand with others.
71. Return finance allocation from Perth High School project to improve nursery provision.
72. Yes. This is definitely a good suggestion. This has been proposed for years and needs to be done.
73. This has been proposed for years but not much action. Needs more than just this option.
74. This should be done anyway however will not solve the issue and we will be back here in 10 years' time when there is another review.
75. This is not really an option as it does not address long-term planning. More innovative solutions must be considered that option 5. A combination is required.
76. To make sure that the school is improved a proportion of my council tax is for education, so should that not be spent in improvements and development in an ongoing annual basis.
77. Use the money from new XX building on the local XX.
78. Necessary – improve facilities for all users, would encourage potential families moving into the area to stay, provide modern/current facilities for existing pupils + staff.
79. The minimum option. Make building fit for purpose for many years.
80. This would help in the recruitment of good staff and then their retention all to the benefit of the pupils.

81. Improving the condition would be a great idea especially if the school was S1-S6. A complete secondary for all of our children. Keep our school open!
82. Yes, this would help to keep the school. May encourage teacher/pupils to come and stay.
83. This could help recruit & retain staff if the resources & building were modern & fit for purpose. The children would obviously benefit from this too!
84. I feel this goes without saying but needs to be coupled with S5 & S6 to create a second hub. This would mean that Breadalbane & Pitlochry would serve the whole catchment and to assist in balancing the books some rural primaries could be closed.
85. School badly requires updating, but this would have to be done with guarantee that the school was 'safe'.
86. Improving the rating would not help the situation. Uncertainty would remain and possibility of a review in another 10/15 years' time. Very unsettling for the school and community.
87. Yes would be good, but we need to increase catchment too and retain our pupils. Long term it'd help recruit staff if got S5/6.
88. It would improve the current learning environment but not solve the problem for future staff and pupils.
89. Not good enough. We need upgraded facilities, a senior school and community campus.
90. Doing nothing other than improving building condition does not help – just means we go through exactly this process again in another 10 years' time.
91. School/community require better facilities. They deserve it!
92. Not a helpful option – especially if it's just considering the High School portion of the school, really a new campus similar to the one in Aberfeldy would be better.
93. Good idea
94. This won't really help.
95. This is not a great solution in itself but could be considered in conjunction with one of the other options.
96. Increased spaces for pupil support/discrete space for nurture/soft start. Separate areas e.g.: office area/'managed' pupil areas during lunch and break times.
97. Would help retain pupils (additional comment – yes)
98. Pitlochry High School is at the heart of the community and vital to our children. Any improvements made to the school would boost staff and children's morale and continue the fantastic education and results it can achieve.
99. Does this include our primary and nursery departments? Needs to include other options.
100. Yes, we are the missing link between Perth and Kingussie. Pitlochry HS has been due investment since I came to the school 15 years ago with the promise of my teaching area being upgraded. If that investment had taken place perhaps the building rating would not have had us in this position. In addition, substantial investment was made in Breadalbane making funds available to us less. So with Breadalbane being built too big for its projected roll that has led to it being under capacity, making re-zoning into that catchment unlikely especially with Bertha Park going to take more Dunkeld pupils.
101. Would boost morale of both children and staff to continue the great results the school achieves (additional comment – yes).
102. The current provision is utterly inadequate. Whichever option is chosen, improvement to the learning environment has to also be a consideration.
103. This must be done anyway. Nursery in particular is expanding with new hours would help bring pupils, families and staff to school.
104. It will affect me because I want to stay close to my brother.
105. I think it would be quite good to improve the condition of the school.
106. I think it's a good idea but it's not my option.

107. I think by improving the condition rating of our school will make our school better and also upgrade some facilities e.g. (bathrooms, classrooms, PE gym halls) (Make some changing rooms for primary).
108. I think this is a good idea as I like the school as it is and it would be great to make it even better. I think this will affect me in a good way as the facilities will be improved.
109. I think it would be a good idea to improve the condition of the school.
110. Great idea because it could probably help and I would look forward to getting more white paper and PE stuff.
111. I really like the idea of improving the school but I would like to bring S5&6s to Pitlochry High School. I still disagree with this option though.
112. Yes I would like this.
113. I don't mind if this would happen. It will affect me because some things would be different and hard to understand.
114. I think you should improve the rating of the school (more seats in the dining room). This affects me because I can't always sit with my friends. (Water fountains fixed).
115. I think we should get better bathrooms for the primary. I also think we should get cubicles. It would affect me because I don't want the school to shut down because I feel safe here. Better hut for outside in playground. Better water fountain. Add more changing rooms.
116. Yes I agree to improve the condition rating for future pupils because I'm moving to Breadalbane which is not my choice.
117. It will not have a impact.
118. I think that it will help the school to improve the condition, so it could keep on standing. It is a old school and it would be great if we made the secondary bigger. (Also the water fountain always breaks.).
119. I think that improving the school would be good but I would like to see S5 and S6 as well.
120. I think this option is a good opportunity for more people to come to this school. I think this would be good for me and all of the pupils because it will make everything a bit more modern and better education.
121. I think improving the condition will be a good idea because to get more facilities.
122. I think that we could do that because some of the roofs have some cracks in the square bits and it needs repaired. Maybe we could put some doors at the class room.
123. I think they should fix it to make the school better.
124. It will affect me because there will be more tools and equipment for us to learn.
125. This might affect me because if there are new facilities it could be better for my education, but if things changed it might be a bit confusing at first.
126. Better resources; more independency. It will affect me when I am working for easier concentration and more efficient and easy. Some things might be different.
127. I like it but I'm not sure about it because it will be the same to secondary. Just go to Aberfeldy Academy.
128. The building needs improvement.
129. We need the building improved. Make it bigger in height, length and width.
130. I would like it if the condition rate was improved because I like the school a lot.
131. I think that if we improve the conditions of the school it would be very good because, we won't have any bad windows or anything else. It would be good for no leaks.
132. I think it will be good because then all the equipment will be updated. Like that ovens and things like that.
133. I think we should make the school a bit bigger. Look a bit neater, better water fountain.
134. I think improving the condition rating is a good idea because more people will come. The effect on me would be safer and improving the condition of facilities would make my learning better.
135. I think improving the condition rate of the school would give me a better school and I could get better choices for my education.

136. I think improving the condition rating will be good because I know less will happen like things falling on me.
137. I think that this is a good option as it would be easier for pupils who do lots of travelling to get to Breadalbane but it would cost a lot of money but we can raise money doing events, runs and community cases for PHS.
138. I think condition ratings should be higher.
139. I would like that.
140. It will affect me because the school has banana splotches all over the school.
141. I think that would be really good because then we might get some new pupils and more friends.
142. I think that would be a good idea because it will make our school better.
143. Quite a good idea but we should still include S5 and S6.
144. I think this is quite a good option because then the repairs will get fixed.
145. I think it would be good if the school got improved.
146. Yes, that would be good.
147. I think that improving the school would be a really good idea.
148. I think this is a good idea because this building is old and it was only supposed to be temporary and needs to be done up.
149. I think this might be one of the best ideas.
150. I think it's a good idea.
151. It's a good idea as the lights sometimes don't work and there are a lot of leaks, as well as damp cold classrooms.
152. It's a good idea.
153. I think option1 is a good idea as our school is very run down and in major need of visual improvement, but I don't quite understand how this is going to help the pupil numbers rise at our school which you said was your main goal. But I believe any option between 1 and 4 need MAJOR condition improvement.
154. I like option 1 because it would be better for everyone that goes here. I think shouldn't close the school because it would be a big change and for a lot of people it would just be a big inconvenience as well. For example I live within XXXXX of the school and it is easy for me to get to school but if we had to go to Breadalbane it would be a lot harder. Also if I had wouldn't mind option 2 because it would be good as well. Also more transport would be needed.
155. I think improving the building would be useless because that means that after the years of improving we will lose money and be forced to other schools.
156. Yes, I think this one sounds good as lots of maintenance needs done.
157. I like this option because in my opinion the stairwells are very dirty and in some areas of the school the roof has been leaking.
158. Yes, that would be good.
159. Don't think it would work because the school would pretty much stay as it is we are going to do it anyway.
160. I prefer this option as I like the current situation of the school.
161. Change the school into a campus.
162. No! Because attendance wouldn't improve and the school would still be closed.
163. I don't know.
164. Yes so then the school can be kept open.
165. ☺
166. ☺
167. Yes, because we need more pupils in our school.
168. Yes.
169. No thank you.
170. We need a lot of improvement around the building.
171. Needs improving. No, nein, neyent, non, het to closure.
172. I think improving the condition rating of the school would be good because it might attract more people to Pitlochry School.

173. The building definitely needs improving no matter what.
174. I think improving the condition rating of the school is important but not really enough.
175. Yes we do need a few bits and pieces improved around the school building.
176. Yes.
177. I think this would be a good idea but it wouldn't improve the other issue of the school which is the population, even though I like the little amount of population it makes it for a lot of space to play and less of a wait for food.
178. This is the best option because the school has been needing reinvented for a while now and by improving the schools building, it will be a good opportunity to make the facilities better for the pupils and the community too. They should try and improve the classes as well.
179. I don't really like this I don't want to move to Breadalbane.
180. I think that option1 is one of the best of the 5. I think this because the state of the school right now is not very good but if we improve it we will get more pupils so the school will be a better place.
181. I think that it should be considered as when the secondary was built (in the 1970s-1980s), the people said the school should last about 50 years and that 50 years is nearly up. It would also be good/nice to go to a campus for school but it is still Pitlochry High School.
182. This would be fine for me and I think it might not affect me.
183. Doing up the school is a good idea. You should build a new – swimming pool AstroTurf, a better connected dinner hall for the school, improved areas for S1 + S2 at break + lunch. You should turn the school into a community campus. Give us up to date computers that have good batteries, not slow. Increase catchment area. Add S5+S6, let every child access to technology. Better PE hall, better classrooms, more subject choices.
184. Improving it is good as we can keep going here and so can future generations.
185. Improve the building.
186. Why would you fix so late on when it is at the most run down, this would cost a lot.
187. The impact would be ok to me just giving this school some repairs and I would be fine with just like normal.
188. Make Pitlochry great again. This is the best option.
189. I don't think the school's conditions is dangerous or anything but it could always be improved.
190. This would help as the decoration is quite outdated. It's a bit old & crumbly.
191. I think that the school could use a bit of refurbishing, but not so much that a new school should be built. When I was growing up in Pitlochry I was always satisfied with things to do and the condition never crossed our minds.
192. It would help the school and make sure that people wouldn't have to go to Breadalbane earlier.
193. This is the option that I would agree with.
194. Please improve the school.
195. I like this option.
196. It isn't the best option but it's a good one.
197. I think that it is a good idea but not my favourite.
198. It's an ok idea but it wouldn't make more people come to our school. But the school does need refurbished.
199. Would be good to stop all the leaks and fix bathrooms.
200. Would be good to update the school, update bathrooms & classes.
201. Would be good to fix up the school, always leaks always problems. We need better facilities.
202. Would be good but a lot of improvement. But pupils would also have to still travel to Breadalbane in 5th and 6th year, which isn't good.
203. This would be good but a lot would need to be fixed.

204. This wouldn't change much but wouldn't solve the issue of moving to Breadalbane which potentially decreases marks in exams.
205. This is a good option to fall back on if all else fails.
206. Not much of a difference, just a better experience.
207. This wouldn't really change anything.
208. It's a good idea but not the best.
209. Likely too low impact. Doesn't increase occupancy. 5/10
210. No point in improving school if school will still small and useless.
211. This wouldn't change much but would be quite good to improve school.
212. This is a good idea however I really want a campus please.
213. Good idea.
214. Improving the condition of the school is a good idea as more features could be added.
215. Will provide better facilities and give pupils more of a choice to receive better opportunities in classes. I think it is a good option – but there would still be the hassle of going to Breadalbane for S5/6.
216. Maybe cause I don't want to go to Aberfeldy.
217. Yes because it would be nicer.
218. It would be a really good idea as right now we only have a hall and a field for PE unlike the Grammar which has a whole 400m track and stand.
219. Very good idea, some of the school needs redecorating and fixing. Lots of little things need replacing like new gym equipment.
220. Sounds good lol ☐
221. The improvement of the school would be a pleasant change since I think some of the parts need updating.
222. Improving the building itself is a good idea because we have very good teachers and we would like to school going and improving school is good.
223. Improving the building is a good idea.
224. I think they should improve the school because it would look a lot better than now.
225. Yes, it means the school won't get shut.
226. Sure, it means the school doesn't get shut.
227. If it means keeping school open I would do it.
228. This would be good for the pupils as they will have more learning resources. It would advertise the school as a newer building.
229. Good because it means school gets improved.
230. This is a great idea.
231. I think they could because it is really old and we do need repairs.
232. Make Pitlochry great again.
233. No I don't think it needs it.
234. Waste of time.
235. It would mean that less money would be needed as well as the most to happen. It would help as the school is somewhat falling apart.
236. Would be a good idea as the school is an old building and could do with a more modern building.
237. Absolutely necessarily – fix heating.
238. While attending Pitlochry you could see that the conditions of the school are bad, but aren't dire enough to close the school. As I feel it can continue as it currently is.
239. It is needed for the school building. The current condition of the school is not good.
240. It would cost, take time. School building was only supposed to be temporary but it been there for decades. Would attract more people to come to the school.
241. Don't think it would affect the education that I had. A school is a school as long as we get the correct education.
242. Don't know if it would affect the rates of high achievement in the school unless it introduced new equipment possibly modernise the building so that the pupils can benefit from having a high tech interactional way of teaching.

243. Would be necessary for keeping school open as current conditions as impractical classrooms are dated.
244. I believe that Pitlochry High School would not benefit from just improvements. As although the building is literally falling apart it would not improve the capacity of the school.
245. Sounds good but won't really do anything.
246. Think improving conditions would help improve some aspects of the school however it won't have a huge impact on education or the pupils.
247. Think improving conditions would only improve particular sections around the school. Improvement of conditions is necessary as pupils need a good quality place to grow and thrive in before leaving school when you reach S4, S5 or S6.
248. I think even if you were to make it better and improve the school making it more modern I think the numbers will still be down as there are less home.
249. The school does need a lot of work on it and if this was the case parents might consider taking their children to the school.
250. More people will want to go to Pitlochry and the population will grow.
251. I don't think this will have a huge impact on pupils. When the condition of school is improved, it may be more attractive to other teachers and have better facilities, which may make a pupils learning experience better at school.
252. School building needs improved but doesn't address the underlying occupancy issue.
253. This will be brilliant bringing the school into the 21st century - long overdue improvements will make the learner experience even better.
254. The school building is in definite need of repair. The school building needs to be brought up to standard to accommodate the increasing needs of the pupils. There is no space for pupils with additional support needs to have quiet rooms, practical areas, therefore pupils are transitioned out of Pitlochry to schools in Perth. With the school nursery increasing their hours to 1140 there is not enough space for school lunches, break out areas and outside space for all children. In Secondary, there should be more options for children to choose subjects not currently offered.
255. Current children are likely to remain in Pitlochry and attend the current Pitlochry High School, continuing their education locally for as long as they wish to gain qualifications. The school could become more of a community resource as schools in many parts of the country are.
256. What the community needs to be done, preferably by building new community campus.
257. Will massively improve people's pride in the school.
258. Beneficial and best option.
259. I understand that the school was built in the 70's. If the council decide to improve condition of the school there might be possibilities of extending the building to accommodate other local authority services.
260. This should absolutely be considered, although the school building is now in a satisfactory condition to remove it from the estates review procedure post the work carried out over the summer - it is still vital that funding be allocated for improvements to the facilities for the High school, Primary and nursery buildings and outdoor areas to encourage families into the town and therefore preventing the decrease in the school roll. The loss of the High school will have a huge impact on the economy of the town, the ability for employers to attract a local workforce and increase the risk of added cost to combat poor mental health and wellbeing of our young people.
261. What option wouldn't change much, school will still be in risk.
262. The school needs an upgrade, it has been the same Windows and doors since I left over 15yrs ago. Surely an improved building is a better environment for the pupils and teachers to work in.
263. It would cost a ridiculous amount of money to improve Pitlochry to the same level as Breadalbane.

264. Any improvement in the condition of the school must have a good effect on pupils.
265. I think it would bring more young families into the community.
266. Long overdue and much needed.
267. School is not a competition but a place of learning and should therefore not need a rating for improvement as all schools should be working the same throughout the country and not a post code lottery. The building however needs updating or rebuild.
268. Great idea, needs to be done.
269. No impact an things continue as is for now. It's not going to help in the long term future of the school. Covers the cracks for now.
270. This will continue to provide an excellent learning environment for current and future pupils and continue to attract families to live in the town.
271. Pupils will be able to engage in increasing amounts of high quality learning. The school will be able to offer more variety of curricular options that are age and developmentally appropriate.
272. The condition rating of the school should certainly be improved.
273. Good. One of the only acceptable options.
274. Does not go far enough to have much impact on community.
275. Will attract more families to the community and improve the education experience for the children.
276. Would make a lot more families happier that their children can be schooled locally rather than miles away- if they were to travel far this can really impact on a child's learning! Plus the school is fantastic and it would be such a waste to not bother upgrading!!
277. Band aid fix till other problems arise might work short term only.
278. Good choice, keeps school and all its advantages in the area. Lacks improvement to facilities and input to local life.
279. This would be good but another option would be better to save children leaving the town for further education in 5th and 6th year.
280. Help to attract families to live in Pitlochry.
281. The school needs to be improved, there's no doubt about that but just to improve does not seem to be an option that will enrichen the education of the children.
282. Well don't PKC have responsibilities regarding investment in their schools and keeping them up to standard for our children? Poor show you've graded a school a "C" in that case.
283. Any improvement can only have a beneficial impact. It would encourage more people/families to move to the area, especially if they felt that the schooling provided for their children was top class.
284. Of course the school itself should be kept in good condition and, where possible, improved so that the pupils can have the best experience during these important years of their lives. There is a good connection with the wider community at the school and this could be enhanced if more/better facilities at the school were offered to the community as a whole. At the moment some PE sessions include a walk down to the Leisure Centre in the town for the pupils and, while I have not any complain, during cold and wet weather this is not ideal. Better sporting facilities on site would be a welcome addition and would be an attraction to the wider community out of school hours.
285. Has to be done no matter what.
286. Keeps the school open and safe for current and future pupils.
287. The physical condition of the school should be improved and the result will be greater educational value and improved moral for pupils. Staff and the community at large. The school is used for evening activities by the wider community.
288. Great, keeps the children in their own town.
289. Not an appropriate option - acts as a stopgap. Means we go through this review again in another decade.

290. This is essential for all the communities around Pitlochry that feed into PHS. If the structure of the building continues to decline it will increase feelings of neglect in the whole population.
291. Would bring more to the community and improve community links.
292. Sustainable for growing school age population and bring families to area as recruitment in my organisation (NHS) very hard to attract so be worse if no school.
293. Not adequate improvement. Community will suffer.
294. Don't see this as a feasible option. Too much money needed - not cost effective.
295. Fine. As long as the school remains.
296. It would be beneficial to improve the condition rating of the school however it would be relevant to consider broader improvements to the school estate in Pitlochry including expanding the service offered there.
297. By improving the existing facilities at Pitlochry High School, it would encourage community involvement and really give the people of the town a school to be proud of. As an ex-pupil, who still has family just down the road from the school, Pitlochry has always had a draw. All of us ex-pupils feel incredibly strongly about returning "home" and meeting up with old friends. The school helped to forge those deep connections, that refuse to be broken by time or distance.
298. Better learning environment for the pupils.
299. Yes - but option 2.
300. The school needs improved regardless.....
301. Positive - will contribute towards families with children choosing to stay or move to Pitlochry. This will support a dynamic community.
302. No improvement.
303. Not much, sounds like a patch up job.
304. Would benefit all locally, and attract new families to move into the area.
305. I think it's a disgrace that a new school is being built which is outside a town which has many schools but there is no money set aside to upgrade our rural schools. This needs attended to immediately.
306. Pupils within the catchment go to their local school.... rather than further afield on the assumption the campus is a better place.
307. Minimum level of action that should take place. This school is a vital part of the continued growth of the community and should be given the attention it requires.
308. This definitely needs to be done. The school is very dated.
309. This would be the 2nd best option as retaining school for current and future pupils and the community.
310. I live nearby and have joined community activities in the school. It feels like most schools but emptied. It needs repair but needs to be more sustainable by enlarging school population.
311. Keeps the school (an integral part of any community) within the community and improves upon what we already have. If improving upon the condition includes developing facilities for community use, it would help bring the wider community into the school, further strengthening ties and building community relationships.
312. A good start but does not go far enough.
313. This will maintain the educational/social and commercial benefit to the community as is. Pitlochry has an ageing population as is and will wither slowly if the education provision is not maintained at a minimum in the status quo. The school is the natural social hub and community focus, to lose this would rob the community of a much needed focus.
314. This could potentially keep the children in Pitlochry if done properly.
315. Obvious.
316. School needs to be fit for purpose and being used as a community hub.
317. No impact.
318. Surely elementary!
319. Better grading would benefit the school.

320. Good and will retain business as usual.
321. No benefit to community.
322. Def needs to be done.
323. In my humble view this would be cheaper than the cost of transporting pupils/staff etc. to new locations.
324. Good idea, it's an old school.
325. No brainer.
326. No. impact on community.
327. Better for the community and better for the pupils. Pitlochry is a close community, without the school it would demolish this.
328. This would improve the current schooling environment however would not solve the issue around occupancy. Therefore I don't believe this would solve the long term issues.
329. This is not enough!
330. Necessary and will improve conditions for the S1-S4 pupils at the school but won't make a difference to those pupils who have to travel long distances to get their S5-S6 education and won't make any difference to the wider community.
331. This needs to be done anyway, unless the whole building is demolished. Better to repair than PFI.
332. In my opinion improving the condition of the school wouldn't have a huge impact on the community as the current condition is not terrible.
333. Improved resources for pupils, encourages families to the area. Community benefits from having a full age spectrum represented. Other groups also able to benefit from improved facilities e.g. adult night school.
334. Positive for the community.
335. Surely this should be done regularly anyway, as a matter of course. I understand that the building is already past its life expectancy and therefore overdue for an upgrade.
336. Needs to extend studying and exams for 4th and 5th year Studies at Pitlochry. Some children find it very upsetting moving to a new school at this stage of their education.
337. The school definitely needs upgrading as buildings were not designed to be permanent and now very overdue for improvement.
338. Positive impact, community will feel valued. As will staff and pupils. This however is unlikely to significantly increase pupil numbers.
339. Great to bring new young people to the area.
340. If you improved the conditions and facilities in the school it would attract families to the area and discourage people from transferring their children to Breadalbane before S5. This would benefit the community by bringing younger people into the area which would have a positive knock on effect on local businesses and keep the town vibrant.
341. The money should be invested to bring the school up to an acceptable standard.
342. Please improve the school, it is a great school and or community deserves funding for improvements and development of the school to benefit the whole community.
343. Can only be a positive thing for investment to be made to the resources/ infrastructure of the school. Would help with the recruitment and retention of staff too.
344. Not enough.
345. Better environment for increased productivity and learning.
346. Second best option for whole community cohesion and wider area. A sound investment in Highland Perthshire.
347. This would mainly benefit the pupils.
348. Doesn't sound like this will be enough.
349. Greatly benefit the community in general.
350. This is not going to bring people to the area and improve school occupancy as not offering anything more.
351. Obviously this would be great but we need 5th and 6th year in this town, and a better quality of school to benefit the whole area.

352. Beneficial though would not address issue of falling roll on its own.
353. This should surely be done regardless! - And of course it would have only positive knock-on effects for the wider community and the pupils. The building would be able to be used for all sorts of community events etc.
354. Important for future of children's education.
355. Provide better environment for pupils & staff to learn & work. improve pride and perception of wider community
356. The absence of a local school will materially impact the decision of future residents to relocate to the area and for current residents to remain. With the increase and promotion of tourism, by Government and its Agencies, there is a need for resident workers and their families to meet this demand.
357. Great but not going far enough.
358. Not sure if this will help.
359. Just improving the condition rating at the school will not be enough to attract pupils to the school. There needs to be a combination of options and a community use too.
360. Improving the condition rating of any school must surely be preferable as it indicates an ongoing commitment from PKC to the whole community. This helps promote positive relationships between the community and their elected members. I acknowledge the rating of 'C' but as a visitor to the school it is not immediately apparent that there is anything wrong with the building whereas I would not say the same of other schools I've seen. There has been a feeling that Pitlochry has lost out to Aberfeldy in political decisions in the past (community and leisure facilities etc.) and any move to do so again can only create further divide between the community and PKC.
361. Improving the condition of the school and securing it for future generations is fundamental for Pitlochry. PHS is a community hub and must be maintained and improved. Nothing less will do.
362. This should not be seen as an option on its own, if the school fabric is sub optimal it must be improved and maintained to an acceptable standard.
363. Yes. And include library and leisure facilities.
364. Having a school with a good condition rating would attract families to settle in the area.
365. Excellent.
366. This is needed as the school is in poor condition - plus the wider community facilities are very poor, lack of library and leisure which meet the needs of the population.
367. This is a good option to improve and keep open.
368. This is needed, and has been proposed for years.
369. A necessary step in the right direction and long overdue. Keeps things as they are but would not solve the problems of future generations. Would not enhance the value of community - in the long run not a beneficial use of funds.
370. This sounds like a sticking plaster answer. Ref answer 7.
371. It would attract encourage more pupils changing to Breadalbane Academy at the start of S1 to remain at Pitlochry, because of the better conditions. It would also open it up to holding more community events and strengthen connections in the community, as well as offering more opportunities for pupils to engage and be a part of the community. This would be because of the more updated and modern functions it would possess.
372. Yes, but not enough.
373. Improving the condition rating of the school would benefit the community; however this would not necessarily address the attendance issue.
374. To the benefit of the wider community.
375. This seems like a positive option, but a stopgap measure. Surely the school could benefit from added infrastructure.
376. Improving the school will make it even more valuable for all.

377. Improve quality of learning at the school and help preserve the building for years to come.
378. This will be beneficial to the school but will still leave the ultimate question of future use.
379. This will do nothing for the local community, as this simply maintains the status quo, replacing capital investment that has been absent over recent years. This will be viewed as appeasement, until a future opportunity to close the high school becomes more likely to succeed, and as a missed opportunity to think creatively about how the school estate could be utilised more fully to provide services to the community other than just pupils.
380. This should not be seen as an option on its own, if the school fabric is sub optimal it must be improved and maintained to an acceptable standard.
381. A great option! The school is a wonderful place and deserve the funding to improve it for current and future pupils.
382. On its own this will do little for the school. People are interested in the education. It might make the school a little more attractive but this would only have a minor effect.
383. It is absolutely imperative that the condition of the school is improved. A better school will encourage parents to leave their children at this school rather than considering moving them to the likes of Breadalbane. If there are question marks over the condition of the school then it will always be a consideration for parents when it comes to putting their children to high school or in fact moving into the area
384. An improved building and future for pupils enabling them to take pride and to focus on their education in Pitlochry. This will have a significant impact on the desirability of people wishing to live in Pitlochry, with beneficial implications for jobs, housing market and the future of the town.
385. "Doing nothing" option - just means we have another consultation in 10 years' time.
386. Increase occupancy.
387. This would be a big improvement.
388. Attract more families to the area.
389. Do this and you will attract people to move to the area. Good schools attract families. Pitlochry is a retirement town and this needs to change.
390. The best option for the community, and also for the pupils' education.
391. This would be good for the community as Pitlochry would be an attractive place for families to live. There is a high number of older residents in the town and it is good to balance this with younger people.
392. This seems only to be a short term solution as it is more important to increase occupancy otherwise will have the same problem further down the line.
393. It feels as if the school has been lacking in any real, significant investment since it was built. For example, the science rooms have not been updated in all this time. If the school had received some investment, been updated and modernised in-line with other Perth schools, the pupil numbers would not have declined. A substantial investment is now overdue and will have a very positive impact on the community and pupil school roll.
394. It should be maintained to a higher standard anyway, as am sure schools on Perth are.
395. Short term benefits potentially but longer term I don't think this would be sustainable as there are bigger opportunities that could be had. To get the community greater involved in the school building would be more beneficial, having evening classes, incorporate the library into the school as a community campus like Breadalbane Academy has.
396. Bring PHS up to the standard it should be at, a question of what maintenance and work should have been carried out over preceding years has been asked by many people. It does not matter which council run by whatever party has been in charge of the condition of the school, should maintenance not have been completed on a yearly basis?

397. Positive impact, pride in good quality facility. Poor quality surroundings encourage lack of care.
398. The school would be a better environment for children and hence the community, including parents and those who use the school for evening activities. There would probably be environmental benefits of increased energy efficiency.
399. This option will encourage more pupils to remain at PHS and complete their 4th year education here, instead, as some do, transitioning to Breadalbane at the end of Primary 7 or at some point through their secondary phase. Having a secondary school that is well maintained and of a higher condition rating than a C will also support families' decisions to settle here and keep the community thriving.
400. Yes definitely the fabric of the school needs upgraded. However it is people not buildings which provide great education and despite the lack of facilities the staff achieves an incredibly high standard, as shown in the exam results which are generally of a higher standard than those of larger schools.
401. This would have a very positive impact for the pupils and for the wider community. It would enable the school to stay open and improve its facilities. As part of the resort.
402. Yes.
403. Reallocate funding, make Pitlochry High School a modern facility, and demonstrate that Perth & Kinross Council are looking to develop their rural communities.
404. This will encourage those who may be unsure of where to place their children to have a more positive response to Pitlochry high.
405. This is the very least that is required. Without further investment will come further deterioration and ultimately the demise of the school will be inevitable. Without an improving condition status families will not move to the area. This will impact the community in obvious ways.
406. The time for much needed investment and expansion of facilities in PHS is long overdue.
407. No, it has gone passed that.
408. Every school should have this as a part of their goals and vision it is not the answer only part of it.
409. Any improvement is vital.
410. Will have an extremely positive impact on the community and will improve children's wellbeing and educational outlook.
411. This is a no brained.
412. This is important as need to show that council actually cares about Pitlochry and willing to invest in long-term stability.
413. That would be great.
414. This would help ensure its future which would be good for the area.
415. This option is long overdue and begs the question, why has the School condition rating been allowed to drop so far? Where has the investment been in the school building over the years? To improve the condition rating of the school, however, cannot be a standalone option but must go hand in hand with other investment in Pitlochry High School by PKC regarding the children's education, welfare and learning opportunities. Improved building condition alone would not have the desired impact on the community.
416. Excellent idea, the school does a good job.
417. By improving, meaning building new one funds could and should be raised through local business, as they are the one who's been profiting from Pitlochry, it's time give back to community, there should be a tax involved for all business which profits from tourism in town. As we need good school in town, otherwise there will be lot of families relocating to different towns, cities, .We need to keep this town alive, not the other way around.
418. Beneficial and this should be done as standard and it is appalling PKC hasn't been doing it.
419. Would improve pupils school experience.

420. Minimum req.
421. Good school encourages people to move to & stay in the area.
422. This 'do nothing' option achieves very little for the children. The facts are that Pitlochry High school, the local Library and Leisure facilities in the town have seen very little, if any, investment for years. The school needs investment beyond simply keeping it safe and operational. There is a real opportunity to invest cost effectively to improve the facilities, combine with other public services in the town and create a 'fit for purpose' facility for the children and community. And provide an education that our children deserve.
423. This delivers little or no community impact or real benefit for pupils and simply delivers what should be in place as a matter of normal process. Real investment is what is needed.
424. Will improve the physical condition of the school but does little to improve its attractiveness for education.
425. This would maintain the status quo although an improvement in the condition of the school may lead to a slight increase in pupil numbers. The local community would be affected by this in as much as people generally feel that the community will benefit from an updated school building and the slight increase in pupil numbers that are likely to ensue.
426. Third best option. Painting over the cracks is a short term fix without a radical approach.
427. Huge importance. The school is a strategic institution for the Pitlochry community in the past, now and in the future.
428. This would be a good option, however option 2 added S5 & S6 work be the best.
429. The condition rating of the school should be improved. The school is an important local amenity.
430. Needs modernisation.
431. Increases the desirability to live in the town or the catchment area of the school. A school which is well maintained and has the latest up to date technical facilities.
432. After four decades of service the school deserves improval of condition rating - it is long overdue. This would considerably enhance the school experience of both pupils and staff as well as encouraging more local community groups to use the school facilities during non-school hours - increasing income for local / P&K Council.
433. Short term option, concern for future viability would need to see long-term strategy for its use and how it will save community.
434. That would be good but wouldn't address underlying issues.
435. Good idea, but not enough. If we want to improve Pitlochry education & encourage young families to settle here, we need more than this.
436. Clearly the building needs to be well maintained. A swimming pool would be good - for the whole community. A library within the school. Ensure it is suitable for pupils with additional needs.
437. This isn't seriously an option.
438. This is essential. The community try their best but investment is essential!!!
439. This will provide internal & external improvement but does not provide S5/S6. Will return school as it is which is my preference.
440. Good idea.
441. Could become an even more integral part with facilities.
442. Better learning environment for children. Better facility to encourage people with children to live here.
443. Good idea.
444. Pupils deserve as safe environment.
445. Build a new school and have a first class educational facilities for the community this will bring more families into the area because of the high rating.
446. Improving the school condition should improve the pupil's wellbeing therefore happy pupils mean happy parents and happier community.

447. The community will decline, new families won't come and the "retired" members are not able to work or be part of community projects.
448. Yes: of course the school buildings need to be maintained for future generations. Most people in this town want this excellent school to survive. It is a huge asset to the community.
449. As a parent of course I will want/expect the condition rating to improve. I'm also surprised that more has not already been done.
450. Any improvement would be welcomed as the school was built in the 70's.
451. A good school is the heart of any community. Improving the condition rating will make the area more attractive and bring families into the area.
452. Not good enough.
453. The environment that children learn is paramount also the decision of parents to which school they wish to send their children too may well be influenced by the state of the school therefore to increase attendance at the school it needs to be in good repair. Obviously should the school close this would not be necessary.
454. If this helps with building security and the options for extra activities that would be useful.
455. There would be a short term and limited gain, however the existing school campus is not at present able to service the wider needs of the community fully.
456. This strikes me as a short term solution. It is not the brave solution that is needed.
457. Obviously needed. This option is too vague. Lick of paint - no good. Need to build a swimming pool, etc., match the facilities at Breadalbane.
458. This needs to be done but would not of itself impact greatly on the community.
459. Would help but it needs more than that.
460. This would obviously be beneficial. The pupils and the community deserve the best possible facilities.
461. This should be done whether the school is just primary or up to S6.
462. This is necessary to ensure the future of PHS is secured.
463. Great option as it would secure the building not only from a school point but from a structural point also.
464. I would expect the council to do this anyway.
465. Encouraging people to come to the area to stay and work. People are not going to come if we have a very poor school.
466. Yes very much so.
467. Positive impact especially if it includes community facilities.
468. Inappropriate use of funding as school not fit for purpose anymore.
469. Yes.
470. Up to date, safe surroundings for children to learn can only improve their experience at school. More motivated.
471. It goes without saying. The school was built in a "temporary" building in the 70's. Other schools in Perthshire have been upgraded. As a standalone option this is a non-starter.
472. To help the school to remain viable in our community the building needs to be brought up to scratch to suit the educational needs of our children. The community in Pitlochry values its children & wants to see them educated locally so they can benefit from local people coming in for talks, local community wants (inter-generational), local work experience etc.
473. This is a poor option and reflects low investment from PKC in the Pitlochry community. It is likely to still result in falling numbers at the school as the 'status quo' will continue to cast the cloud of potential closure and be a self-fulfilling outcome. The poor condition of the school buildings, which partly put the school into this review, reflect badly upon PKC's ability to manage and maintain the school estate. This option does little to improve the contribution the school makes to the local community and represents a lost opportunity for PKC to provide satisfactory services for Pitlochry residents.

474. This is what PKC should have been doing consistently in the past. The fact that the Pitlochry High School has a poor condition rating for its buildings reflects badly on PKC's ability to maintain its own estate. This highlights a lack of routine investment in the facilities of the Pitlochry Community. A similar lack of investment can be noted in other PKC-owned facilities such as the library and leisure centre. By only improving the condition of the school, which is essentially just doing nothing, as I would expect the buildings to be maintained anyway, PKC are missing the opportunity to improve the educational opportunities for pupils in the Highland Perthshire area. Furthermore, a lack of expansion to S5 and S6 and no increasing of the catchment will likely still result in the closure of the school in the near future. As such, this option is detrimental to the pupils and community.
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3) Option 2: Improve condition rating of school and include S5 & S6 at Pitlochry High School to increase occupancy level.

Comments

1. S5 & S6 at Pitlochry High School – absolutely essential. It should have been done years ago. Do it now.
2. I think this is essential for the community, the children and the whole community. Without our secondary pupils, the town will become a town without a soul and a heart.
3. When original Pitlochry High School was burnt down a new school was built in a hurry but was never meant to be the school for long.
4. Other than a new community campus this option 2 is preferred. The thought of S1 to S6 at the same school is what I would like for my kids.
5. Small class sizes should mean better education attainment. Keep Pitlochry at a low occupancy rate. This is not a bad thing – except to budgets!
6. Financial impact – removes need for more and more buses and environment factors. More can walk to school.
7. Keeping S5 & S6 will mean school roll would go up and increase catchment area will help so really no valid reason why PHS should close!
8. The best option for the children and the town. The economy of the town would be dramatically improved by having a good community hub and full secondary school to encourage young families into the area.
9. This would be good because Pitlochry pupils won't just leave at Primary 7 to start making friends and settling in at Breadalbane (because they have all 6 years), they will stay at Pitlochry because we would provide them with S5 and S6.
10. Makes sense, small is beautiful and usually much more effective.
11. S5 & S6 should be included. Travel time and the time taken to get to the "bus" is too long. It also does not allow children to do any extra activities because of the travel. All the children are part of this very friendly community and contribute by being in this area of older people and it works both ways.
12. Pitlochry generates enormous benefits from tourism. To ensure staff come to support this sector. Recruiting staff will be far harder. Losing a secondary school is the worst thing you could do.
13. Option 2 and part of option 3. Kirkmichael children could come to PHS. Closing school would devastate Pitlochry. Build more affordable housing.
14. This option would have great advantages for pupils and parents. It is so important that rural children do not have added time travelling in all weathers. Also for Breadalbane increasing numbers from a wide area has potential to cause many relationship problems. For both schools option 2 definitely best suggested.
15. Apart from built a new school this is the best option by far!!
16. 5th & 6th year would be great at PHS. So much better for kids.
17. Condition rating should not be an issue if P&K Council had maintained the school properly.
18. Long overdue – Pitlochry High School could be significantly developed and catchment area extended.
19. Primary school children should be moved to improved existing secondary school building and a new purpose built school for S1-S6 (S5&6 should be included).
20. Environmentally this means walking & cycling can be encouraged. More time at either curricular activities leading to mental health and well-being if managed correctly. Huge potential. Yes!
21. Looks like the best option to me. Would increase viability of the school and help to secure its long-term future. Reduces need for S5/S6 having to travel. Pitlochry already has an elderly demographic and it is desirable to retain and attract families in order to

maintain a lively, mixed and energetic community. Thus this option addresses both the educational and broader issues.

22. I think it would be a good idea, but would it help?
23. Yes option 2 good but think ideally new school building required.
24. Financially this makes sense. Suddenly occupancy is up, and school boosted. Pupil impact will be positive giving those studying a stable, nurturing environment. Enabling them to play a fuller part in the community. Celebrate a rural school in its beautiful rural location offering all the benefits of rural living, working, breathing, existing. Yes!
25. The best option for Pitlochry is strong academically. Investment is what is required. Build it and they will come worked for the House of Bruar and Pitlochry Theatre.
26. Good option. But... make PHS Breadalbane distinct centres of excellence with pupils travelling between locations as appropriate.
27. Yes, this seems the best option. Increase and improve what we have. Focus on the positives and not the negatives. Improve!
28. This is the best option. Our community needs the secondary our children deserve a good school right through to S6. Moving children in S4 has a terrible effect on some and they are then unable to complete their education and therefore not release full potential.
29. This needs to be considered in line with local development plans, current availability of housing within Pitlochry is poor. More housing = more pupils.
30. I totally agree with this suggestion – option 2.
31. This is the best option. Include S5 & S6 at Pitlochry and extend its catchment area to as sensible an area as feasible.
32. Children have said it is difficult to go to S5 @ Breadalbane when you don't know teachers – they feel left out.
33. As an ex pupil of Pitlochry and Breadalbane, this is by far the best option. The travel to Breadalbane every day was a nightmare, Made long days even longer and in the winter it was always dark. Moving to Breadalbane for S5 and S6 was like starting over again. I didn't know the teachers etc. and when it's regarding exams that can determine your future it is very difficult. Pitlochry should be improved and extended to include S5 & S6, there would be no need for complicated transitions, the teaching support network would have already been established and built upon making it easier on pupils in their final years of school.
34. Good for school. Good for community. Good for ??????. Good for students.
35. Children in outlying areas have an early enough start to come to Pitlochry never mind travelling to Breadalbane. Take in 5th 6th year to Pitlochry.
36. This is the best option (with a swimming pool).
37. S5 & S6 should be included in the occupancy levels because their work could be done by using modern technology. Also primary education should finish at P6 & P7's moved to secondary.
38. Some people live close to the school and if we open S5 & S6 then they don't have to worry about moving to somewhere that is longer away. Also they will be rushing to get the bus, and it will be very busy.
39. Not good for pupils to move at this stage. Adds time to school day at each end. Affects out of school activities. Puts some off continuing, don't know staff & different ways of teaching.
40. Being a former pupil of both Pitlochry and Breadalbane this is the best option. The transition between S4 & S5 was disruptive and un-motivating. Travelling in from Blair Atholl every day was horrible, and if could be avoided, I would have.
41. To make this option work as well as possible there should also be strong links with vocational courses at Perth College and facilities for leisure classes for the older population and summer/ holiday classes for visitors – e.g. 2 day pottery classes & hospitality training for industry staff in the evenings. These paid for classes should generate an income.
42. Build a whole new complex including library and increase catchment area and bring back S5 & S6. Pitlochry is far more suitably located than Aberfeldy – especially in winter.

43. This will encourage more children from Pitlochry and surrounding area to complete their education in PHS rather than going to Breadalbane and given the chance, could provide a good education in S5 & S6 as well. It's a good school.
44. This is the best option. Extend catchment area (Kirkmichael and Kinloch Rannoch). Make Pitlochry an even better school for our children that it is already.
45. Historically the move to Breadalbane has been disruptive and detrimental to pupil's wellbeing. Some pupils decide to leave school rather than continue. They would possibly be encouraged to continue education if they could stay at Pitlochry.
46. This is the best option.
47. Would be a good idea. Continuous education from S1 - S6 would be beneficial to children. My children travelled from Pitlochry to Aberfeldy for 2 years. Leave in dark – return home in dark. Not good.
48. Reduce length of day for children by not travelling to Aberfeldy especially from outlying areas. I have had experience with my 2 children going to Breadalbane for 5&6th year. Completely wrong time in their education. Teachers/ children not knowing each other. A lot of opportunities in Breadalbane choice of subjects etc. but Pitlochry can have this too and should not be discriminated against.
49. Good idea but bringing children in from where? Surely Pitlochry can support the school without closing rural schools.
50. I was XXXXX when the council was proposing to move the school to Aberfeldy (it was 1978 or thereabouts). I am still objecting to the move of Pitlochry Primary School to Aberfeldy. No child should be moved from Pitlochry School.
51. As a former primary and secondary pupil, the powers that be should have made Pitlochry the secondary school 1 – 6 not Breadalbane. Travelling for the last 2 years of my education to Breadalbane was often fraught with bad weather etc. Even double decker buses on occasion. Children should be taught in their closest environment and the extra journey time added to their day is counterproductive to their after-school hobbies etc. I would therefore propose that option 2 is best choice.
52. I feel that option 2 is best i.e. increasing condition rating of school and include S5 & S6 pupils. I feel expecting pupils to travel up to 1 hour each way to Aberfeldy is unacceptable. A also feel that as Pitlochry is bigger than Aberfeldy we should have S5 & S6 in Pitlochry. The occupancy rate at Pitlochry may only be 47% but is it ever 100%? Occupancy rate of 80% I was told is ideal but 47% compared to 80% is not bad. This would increase if S5 & S6 were taught in Pitlochry. I believe pupils in Pitlochry leave school at S4 stage in Pitlochry rather than put up with 2 hours extra travelling to Aberfeldy.
53. Major priority.
54. Yes! Would bring more families into Pitlochry – invest in Pitlochry.
55. Disagree with future projection figures. An attractive school that is fit for purpose, where the pupils aren't faced with a transition to Breadalbane at S1 & S5 would mean more pupils would stay on and more families would consider Pitlochry as a town to live and thrive. With the dualling of the A9 as well as option 2 will increase occupancy.
56. I would like to see option 2 & 3 put together. The school is the heart of the town. Improving and investing would bring more families and help the town to thrive. Children at Pitlochry have excellent grades proving how great it is. Please don't take this chance of an outstanding education away.
57. Build a proper community campus, include library, community centre, sports arena. By having S5 & S6 then children can know that their education is safe and secured for them till they go off to college, uni etc.
58. Definitely PHS should include S5 & S6 so to avoid the pupils having a 9-hour day!
59. If this option is in place with S5 & S6. I believe more young families would move into the area.
60. Why a high school would only have some classes is a silly thing in the first place, moving pupils in the last 2 years of their educational life is ridiculous.
61. Seems a good idea. Would not want this to impact educational choices or limit them.

62. This is the best option of the 5 PKC are suggesting. Only better option is number 6.
63. Probably best of options if combined with option 3. As standalone its hallway there. We need to provide for all our children, regardless of age/stage.
64. Yes. Definitely best option, as it is investing in the community, which can only be beneficial.
65. Without the constant threat of closure the school role would undoubtedly improve. Bringing S5 & S6 would also help and encourage more families to the area. The businesses in town are struggling for staff and we need more investment to encourage people to Pitlochry.
66. Let's find the budget to build a brand new primary and secondary school for all ages which is fit for purpose and which the community could use and be proud of!
67. Too much emphasis on current figures – Pitlochry primary pupils are high at present. If the school is improved, they will stay on if there is future certainty.
68. Best option on PKC list of 5. Include S5/S6 gives you 65-74% capacity. Consider Dunkeld catchment to Pitlochry rather than Breadalbane to increase further.
69. Look at modern digital/ virtual learning tools to offer extended senior curriculum (much like UHI) through video conference/ glow/ online to ensure children and young people have full educational options.
70. Option 2 would mean pupils will stay in the same school environment from nursery right up to S6. It would shorten the school day if there was no need to travel to Aberfeldy and also mean less spending on school transport.
71. Investment in PHS is essential to provide education for local children from nursery to S6. As a parent the only negative of PHS is the lack of S5 & S6 forcing children from rural communities to make a transition to a new school in exam years, this is unacceptable and detrimental to our children and community. Children from the more remote parts of the catchment area travel for over an hour to reach Pitlochry and 45mins extra to attend Breadalbane and you have children travelling for 4 hours a day to take their Highers, are excluded from extracurricular activities and their community. I am the parent of one 16 yr. old of the many who left school.
72. Requiring our older pupils to move away from the local community means they will break the links with the community and they may never return leading to a big gap in the local and economic health of the community. S5 & S6 should never have been moved from Pitlochry HS.
73. Yes – the only option for our community.
74. Combining these two would offer the best option for pupils giving an education within the local community.
75. Retain S5 & S6 pupils within Pitlochry community. Avoid very disruptive travel to Breadalbane. Avoid difficulty of S5 & S6 pupils integrating into new school community at this teenage stage.
76. Further to option 1 – increasing Pit HS to include S5 & S6 is of great importance to the future of the whole community!
77. Condition rating of the school must be brought up to the correct level.
78. Option 2 is a good option. If under occupancy is still an issue, the catchment could be expanded to include Kirkmichael. Dunkeld kids may also choose to benefit from the closer proximity of PHS if it goes up to sixth year.
79. Yes!! Should have been done earlier.
80. Yes. This is by far the best option.
81. This would be the ideal choice and would enhance and improve the community. It would bring in more young families.
82. Highly desirable option, perhaps funded from new Tayside Project money?
83. This would be a great option for families and the community.
84. Hopefully would mean more extracurricular activities in Pitlochry for kids and teenagers.
85. Great idea. Good for the community, will attract more families into the area. Parents now are sending their S3/S4 kids to Aberfeldy based on a 'grass is greener attitude.'
86. Best option – encourage kids to stay in Pitlochry – perhaps for ever!

87. I feel that this is the most appropriate option in terms of continuance of education in the same place from primary to S6. This would then increase the attractiveness of Pitlochry as a place to live and improve the age profile of the town currently increasing over 65 population.
88. This is by far the best option. Closing the school would have a huge detrimental impact on the town.
89. Personally favour this option above other. Maximise pupil no's, hopefully attract more families to move to the area and retain families already living here.
90. Almost there – option 6 is the end game / make this school for the future to be a draw for young people to be motivated to bring up their families in this area. If you want young people to stay. Give them a reason with an excellent school.
91. This option would be the next best one to option 6. Having 5th and 6th year at Pitlochry would encourage more pupils to stay on in education throughout the area.
92. This seems too obvious as the best option. Much better to transport staff than pupils.
93. This option seems sensible for the school and the community. Pupils travelling to Aberfeldy have to endure an at least 1½ hours on their day. The building here in Pitlochry, if improved, should be able to accommodate the numbers.
94. Surely this is a must – at teen age the children will hate moving school needlessly.
95. Yes. As I plus the excellent staff here know each pupil here individually.
96. Best option (2) and would have beneficial impact on overall community. Help retain workers in area. Attract more young families but therefore the community require additional affordable housing to be built.
97. Yes include S5/6 but numbers of subjects may not make this viable unless catchment increased.
98. I think option 2 would be worthwhile considering.
99. A combination of option 1 & 2 makes sense. Invest in the school, increase occupancy and give local children the chance to undertake their education in one place with minimal travel time.
100. Extending the school to include S5 & 6 is the best option. At the moment busing children to Breadalbane makes a long day for a child, travelling on a horrible road.
101. This is my most preferred options. As a pupil at PHS so 25 years ago moving to Breadalbane had a huge negative effect on mine and others education. Grades slipped, settling into a new environment with rivalry between the schools was horrible. I just wanted to leave. Pitlochry was so nurturing and like a family and the transition was dreadful! I don't want the same to happen to my boys. Create a large campus to incorporate the community, have a library for the public, meeting rooms, sports hall etc. develop what we have.
102. Again if S5 & S6 included this would give lifelong solutions in one place and add to community cohesion. Fragmentation of one school for education build and increases sense of belonging.
103. Including S5 & S6 increases the occupancy levels and allows more time to study as reduced commuting times. Perhaps work closely with Breadalbane, option to study a subject there.
104. Agree –Study time / social cohesion. Environmental benefits (transport costs). Allow our young people to stay in their own community. Provides more choice for which school to attend > may find a flow back from Breadalbane which would also increase numbers in Pitlochry.
105. Including S5/6 would help pupils who at present struggle with moving at vulnerable teenage stage!
106. Good idea!
107. A much better option and worthy of further investigation.
108. The pupils would not have to endure all the negatives of moving at the end of S4. Having to make new friends. The bus journey!! Learning new teachers/ teaching methods etc.

109. Yes improve rating. Best option if more affordable housing was built it would encourage families to come. Pitlochry seems to have been left behind in developing. All seems to go to Perth.
110. Including S5 & S6 at Pitlochry would definitely have the potential to improve and enhance the education of the pupils.
111. This would be best option after option 6. Retention in school would increase, it would get rid of the issue of moving after S4. The building capacity would go up. Our secondary students often work with the primary children and this would go away if they were gone.
112. Need to ask/ look at data. Would Pitlochry pupils be more likely to do better educationally if this was offered – how many leave (in recent past) because they don't want to go to Breadalbane?
113. Yes think this option would be good, save disruption for pupils in moving and travelling distance each day. Total schooling in Pitlochry up to S6 is what I want for my pupils.
114. Reduces disruption between Pitlochry S4 > S5/6 at Breadalbane. Pitlochry pupils perform well at S4 level – sometimes the move sets them back (need data mining done on Pitlochry pupil's performance) – do they inflate Breadalbane S5/6 results??
115. Preferred choice. Our daughters have attended Pitlochry High School and were very happy here. We now have two grandchildren in Primary and would love them to be nurtured through their secondary here. It is a lovely caring school – don't tear the heart out the community
116. Combines options 1, 2, 3.
117. This will encourage more pupils to stay in school as Pitlochry level of support is much higher than Breadalbane.
118. At least option 2 to even consider my child attending Pitlochry High School!
119. Yes and option 6.
120. I have hated school since the change and I never had before, if it wasn't for my parents I would of dropped out and many of my friends feel the same (current S5 @ Breadalbane).
121. S5 & 6 Pitlochry is something I wish was offered to me. I hate school now @ Breadalbane and I know that my grades will not be as good as they have potential to be due to the disruptive process of moving school. (I apologise for unneatness).
122. You do not know your surrounding people or teachers. This combined with new subjects and new teaching styles is too difficult. Do it.
123. Yes, as a pupil that had to move school at the end of S4 > it was very hard. I now dislike school, the change is at a time that is too important and is the reason I believe many pupils leave at the end of S4.
124. I've lived within 1 mile of this great school for more than 30 years. I've had 2 boys growing and developing through the school. I've spoken with at least two excellent 'Head Teachers' who know the value of this option. This option would capitalise on the success of the school. Grades tend to 'drop' when PHS pupils go to Aberfeldy!!
125. A combination of option 2 and option 3 is the second best option after option 6. With modern technology there are plenty of opportunities to share teachers between Breadalbane and Pitlochry, extending subject choice. New thinking in running schools is essential.
126. This option should only be considered after option 6. Pitlochry High School should have as a minimum 5th & 6th year.
127. Yes, our school needs updated, fixed up and dragged into the 21st century – but certainly not by closing it > Perth has so many good school buildings – surely it's our turn?
128. This is the 2nd best option after option 6. School condition needs improved. More pupils (S5 & S6) makes school more viable.
129. Very positive for all pupils and gives a high quality education.
130. Combine option 2/ 3/ 6 please add Dunkeld for S1-S6 catchment. Total improvement of all facilities; Add S5 & S6 to include exam courses/ apprenticeships/ full support for all post 16 yr. olds who may have ASN; Observe good practice at Caberfeidh Horizons, Kingussie who for the 1st time have a link with Kingussie High School. Caberfeidh offers

a full range of support, training and care “getting it right for 16+ youngsters.” Allowing the school to develop would support all pupils and local industries. The local workforce requires schools in order to get staff e.g. carers, nurses, doctors also skilled with support of apprenticeships – there are huge skill gaps in this rural area. In promoting Pitlochry High please bear in mind that many pupils are from rural areas. They do not need any extra journey time please add more community facilities library etc. Encourage local industry to take an active part in the pupil’s education so that relevant skills continue to be taught.

131. Need to have all through school to attract more people to local area. Less transport needed, safer school journey. Better community facilities for everyone Continuity for pupils XX consistent high approach to teaching by PHS staff.
132. Yes, bring/ keep S5/S6 in Pitlochry. More kids bring more teachers and resources. Could do virtual teaching for subjects in the schools. After school, work experience and volunteer opportunities there for in Pitlochry not Feldy. Some kids go by bus without breakfast as they feel sick. Can be sick due to bus/ roads. So in XX learning having had no breakfast – not good. At times poor road construction dirty buses and drivers not XX being considerate. Kids have to attend GP, dental hospital. Parent with and without XX having to travel to Aberfeldy is collect/ take back. You can only make GP appointments at 8.30 but bus leaves at 8am? Kids remain in their local community - perhaps parents families will too – extra housing desperately needed for hotels, coffee, shops, hospital and school – affordable housing. Build in more community use – a Pitlochry campus. When an S6 pupil has to more bus pass to attend Aberfeldy they need to hang around sometimes to attend a class at the end of the day. If in Pitlochry they can just walk to school in time. Pitlochry kids can be forgotten left out, had different teaching experience. So Aberfeldy teaches and senior staff forget they were not there the years before, can make them feel 2nd class students.
133. 100% agree. Children, education is the most important part of their lives. You can’t play with a children’s future.
134. This would be beneficial to parents & children – re. Children having to move to Aberfeldy. Some discontinue their education as cannot cope with the change.
135. This is the best solution. Pupils no’s have decreased due to no S5+6. The wider impact for business is being unable to recruit staff. A community already facing depopulation will suffer further as no young families will locate here in future.
136. This would be the best option + solve long days with several changes for travel. Not everyone lives in Aberfeldy or Pitlochry!
137. I believe this would be the best solution for the children. Pitlochry over the last few years has seen a drop in pupils moving to Aberfeldy. The move to a new school at an important time of school life it not in the interest of the children.
138. This is by far the best solution! If Pitlochry had S5 + S6 included numbers would rise for sure! We can’t close this school it is not possible and would be ridiculous. Our kids our future relies on keeping this school OPEN!
139. Perfect solution. Keep the children close to their own community and after school activities. If children have to travel an hour to get home this will exclude a lot of after school activities and will also affect homework levels as children will be too tired!
140. Great option. Upgrade school & extend to S5 & S6.
141. Fantastic option. As a previous pupil of Pitlochry High then moving to Breadalbane I felt I missed out on after school activities as I had to catch the bus. It is unsettling moving to a new school with new teachers etc. in a critical time in your education.
142. This would be the least disruptive option for the children, if it is viable number-wise.
143. Very good solution. Less trauma for children changing school aged 16 (which can lead to bullying), less travelling. Better for family life.
144. Great idea. The children should be able to finish their full secondary education at one school.
145. Best option for community of Blair Atholl + Struan and local pupils.

146. 100% agree – I write as one who travelled in the 70's then later my own children has to travel. MAKE PITLOCHRY a 6th year school.
147. The best option to benefit not only the pupils but in future the community through more jobs and more pupils in the area for longer. The next generation for local businesses.
148. This is best solution. The children in Pitlochry and the surrounding area should be able to complete their secondary education at one school
149. This solves travel time problems, enhances an already good well used school. It would benefit pupils NOT having to change school, teachers, friends at a very important age.
150. Best option. Less upheaval for pupils and reduce problems of integration/attainment etc. as is currently seen. Community type campus would benefit local community to offer S1-6 plus possibly better nursery (after school clubs/library/community space and facilities). Investment required anyway so look to future proof the building/facilities so community + surrounding villages etc. have a functional 'hub'. Allows continuation/expansion of pupil's activities in area in e.g. volunteering, work experience, junior ranges, sports clubs etc.
151. I am in agreement for a community campus and a school refurbishment.
152. I think this is a good idea, a community school would work too.
153. Yes, a community campus please
154. This would be a better solution for pupils, staff and the community. Pupils would be able to stay in a school where they have positive relationships with staff formed over a number of years. The school day would be shorter without the need to travel to Breadalbane.
155. This would be ideal. We train our pupils from P1 to S4, pupils get to know the staff well (and vice versa), and at a very important time in their lives have to completely move to a different school. Let our pupils stay here to finish their education.
156. This is a good option taking in all pupils to S6 with continued support from staff who go above and beyond due to community knowledge and attachments. A benefit for all concerned.
157. This is the best option for the pupils who should be the priority in this process – educational benefits must come first.
158. This would give the pupils the best possible opportunity in life. The transition for lots of pupils to Breadalbane is hard and we see their enthusiasm falter during S5.
159. Important to note that pupils over the years have left after S4 without continuing school as they did not want to travel. Pitlochry HS S5 & S6 would help retain these individuals. This would also provide leadership in the form of peer role models for the younger years.
160. This would ensure continuity for the children – in the most important times of their school year – maintaining a continuity of staff, friendships putting another transition into their lives at this stage is putting extra pressure on these children – having to build new relationship with both staff & peers.
161. The best solution for the community would definitely improve staff recruitment and retention. Would be so much better for our pupils rather than the negative impact or transition at S4. Would improve greatly the impact the school makes on the community and would make rural living more attractive.
162. This is the best option for our young people. Better educational experience for pupils. It is very disruptive to uproot them at such a key stage and with so much additional travel. Many pupils do not sustain attendance at Breadalbane because of this. Arguably this would not be the case if they could continue at Pitlochry.
163. Option 2 and extending the catchment area would be the best option. Pitlochry has a great attainment success and would be continued into S5 and S6. Pupils would not have the upheaval of moving for S5&S6.
164. Good idea to best support our pupils. Continuity from nursery to S6 means pupils would be supported in the best possible position to meet their potential.
165. This is what I want as a member of staff as our pupils would benefit greatly from that continuity. Preferred option as a parent I believe in the experience we provide. My children's preferred option too!!

166. Would increase retention of S4 Christmas leavers who struggle with the transition to Aberfeldy. Too many drop out in S5.
167. Community Campus would be even better idea. Bringing community and school even closer.
168. We have good S4 results let us help pupils carry this in into S5/S6 with us.
169. S5/6 in Pitlochry would allow is to run rural skills for pupils looking to stay in the community.
170. It would be excellent for the children not to have to move school in S5. Would this include better provision for ASN?
171. Would be a positive for the community. Would attract more families to the area and PHS would be an attractive option as a school.
172. ASN pupils would be better without travel in S5/6.
173. This is a great idea. Our school should be held up as the model for how things should be done – smaller class sizes and plenty of teacher contact time. The teachers here know the pupils so well, have built great relationships and it would be a wonderful opportunity to guide and support them through all 6 of their secondary school years. In addition to this, pupils struggle through the transition in S5 which is too a important a year to be dealing with this.
174. Good for community and would help draw families into the community = good for wider community.
175. Would prefer option 2 or 3 (or a mix of the 2).
176. Good results in S4 for pupils. Hopefully this would transfer to S5/6. Retention of pupils. Some leave in S4 due to the need to transition.
177. Great option. Pupils do not enjoy moving for S5/6. Often sees as ‘outsiders’ at Breadalbane by staff and pupils.
178. Condition of school must be improved if we have senior phase – we have limited use of leisure resources i.e. Atholl Leisure Centre is closed every weekend. Limited access to library during the week – community campus will.
179. Absolutely – community campus is the way forward. Improve pupil choice, improve ethos in school with senior pupils, improve community spirit as a whole. We are not second class citizens to Aberfeldy.
180. Would have better educational outcomes for the pupils as it’s hard for some to transition in S4/S5.
181. Grades go down sometimes when children move at S4 stage – no relationships built up with teachers, expectations differ.
182. Definitely the best option for – continuity for education, ownership of own education, purpose and place of importance within the community, stability for children, retaining staff and school links with community.
183. Staff retention would be better. Some children that already go over @ S4 don’t like the transition. Overall out of them all this is the best solution.
184. All pupils nursery up would benefit from having S5/6 pupils – provide role models, peer support, greater stability.
185. Would help retain and recruit staff as they have greater career prospects.
186. This would allow more effective support from senior pupils e.g., paired reading schemes/buddying from an older pupil.
187. Some children leave after S4 who would have continued school if S5, S6 were at Pitlochry (from personal experience as a parent and staff member).
188. Best option for the school. I feel this would encourage pupils to stay on to 5 & 6 year hard for them to move after 4th year.
189. Continued relationships between staff and children would lead to success for the children at S5 and S6. Pupils not having to travel miles to school adding hours to their day.
190. This may have a negative impact on subject choices for children at both Pitlochry and Breadalbane. Being under capacity at both schools means less staff, less subjects and less choice for our children.

191. I think if they fix up the school they might get better facilities. And if S5 and S6 here we would not have to travel a long way.
192. I don't want to go to Breadalbane Community Campus at all because I would quite like an S5 + S6 in our school.
193. This is my choice because we wouldn't have to travel to Breadalbane.
194. I think if they do improve the condition rating of the school it would help make our facilities more modern by upgrading somethings. I think S5 and S6 will help take in more pupils but it could get crowded a lot more.
195. I think this is a great idea because we would get more pupils at the school and transport would be easier as lots of secondary pupils live near the school within walking distance. This would have a good impact on me as I can walk to school and it would be a shame to get the bus – I get travel sick and its bad for the environment.
196. I think it would be good to include S5 & S6 at the school because I don't want to go to Breadalbane for S5 & S6.
197. Improvement brilliant idea because it would make the rating of the school better and it would make the school bigger. I do not think it will affect me.
198. This option is the one I would like to happen. I do not think this would affect me in any way. I strongly agree to this option.
199. Yes, then we will be in school longer.
200. This will affect me because it would be busier but I would like that they improved the rating!
201. Including S5 & S6 would affect me because I would spend more time with my family and not at school.
202. I kind of agree with S5 & S6 but it would get a little crowded at some points but I would like to stay here for longer. It could also help us with more house points at sports day.
203. I do agree with including S5 & S6 and I agree with improving the building.
204. I want to have S5 and 6 because I don't like going on a bus. I like the school and don't like moving.
205. I would love to stay in Pitlochry high school because it is a great school and I want to stay longer.
206. I like this idea of having the school improved and bringing in S5 and S6 as well. Ultimately this is what I want to happen. This will also mean I won't have to get a bus to Breadalbane in S5 and S6.
207. I think this would affect me because it means that I could stay in the school until my last year.
208. I think including S5 and S6 will be quite a good idea because if we move to Breadalbane we will have to get early transport and as a pupil I feel good to have S5 and S6.
209. I like the idea of this because we do not need repairs and also I like this school and S5 and S6 would be good so we know our way about. If you go to Aberfeldy we might not know where some classes are.
210. I think they shouldn't bring S5 and S6 in to this school because they would have to build another bit to the school.
211. I think that that might make the school a bit too crowded.
212. This will affect me because I would have to ride a bus to Breadalbane and I would get to walk because my house is around the corner (which is also good for the environment and I like this school).
213. I would love this to happen so that I can stay in Pitlochry and can walk to school with friends. Some people got to Breadalbane just because Pitlochry doesn't have S5 & S6.
214. I like it because it will have more people in the school and they learn more.
215. If S5 & S6 was added it would save time and money on travel. However if this was to happen we deserve equal subject choices and opportunities to people at Breadalbane because if we don't get more subjects and facilities people won't want to go to S5 & S6 here.
216. Yes this will increase the numbers of the school as long as we would get every subject. More room in the school.

217. I would also like it if S5 and S6 came to theism school. I would like it because I would like to stay here and because I would like to see my big brother.
218. I think that would be good to improve the condition ratings and it would be really good for everyone to stay from nursery all the way to S6 because I have always been at Pitlochry high school.
219. I want that to happen so then I won't have to go to Breadalbane on the bus every day.
220. I think it would be good to bring Breadalbane's S5 & S6 because you can make more friends.
221. For me adding S5 and S6 would be the best idea because it would make it easier because I can go with my brothers to school and not have to walk up as early.
222. I think improving the condition rate and adding S5 and S6 would be good because when I am older ii don't need to settle in to a new school for exams and things like that.
223. I think including S5 and S6 will be good because people might not have transport to get to another school.
224. This is the best as it will raise the amount of pupils fix it, it also might reduce the amount of people who drop out of school. We will probably have to raise money for it so it could happen.
225. Bring S5 & S6 to Pitlochry.
226. I would like to have option number two because it would be easy for everyone especially secondary.
227. I would like to because then you don't have to travel to Breadalbane.
228. It will affect me because I won't half to go to Breadalbane and it takes me 20mins to get Aberfeldy.
229. I think this would be an incredible improvement because when I go into S4 I don't want to think this could be my last year with my S3 friends. (I would like this to happen).
230. I think that would be a good idea because then if you live far away then you don't need to travel even further.
231. Definitely the best! I like it because pupils wouldn't have to go on a long bus journey every day.
232. This could be a good idea because we get more pupils at Pitlochry High School but it might not be good because the school is small so it might not fit everyone in it.
233. I think this would be a good idea because then we wouldn't have to get a bus.
234. That sounds good because we don't have to go on a long journey every day.
235. This is the option that I would choose because I would love to stay here and I don't want to travel every day.
236. I don't think that adding S5+S6 is a good idea because there isn't enough space and I don't think it would increase the population because S4's are used to leaving to go to Breadalbane.
237. I also think this is one of the best ideas because then the school will be bigger.
238. I really like this idea because that will give us more people.
239. This is a good idea, because we will have a bigger school.
240. Very good idea.
241. Very good idea.
242. I think this would be a good idea to add S5 and S6 so we don't have to travel for an hour in the morning to get to school.
243. This idea is quite good but it comes with a few issues. Our school is not big enough in fact it's near impossible but there is a huge plot of grass used for nothing on the far side of our school, also the car parks are tiny you can't fit 30 cars in never mind 200 odd.
244. Moving S5/S6 here would be a good idea because S1-S4 education is great for future and we will be prepared for college and university.
245. I think this is a close second for me.
246. This is my favourite option of them all because the people in S5 and S6 would not have to get up earlier than they have to, to get a 40 minute bus journey.
247. That would be good, make it into a campus.

248. I would like Pitlochry High School to have S5+S6 because I wouldn't want to spend time travelling to school.
249. I'd rather go to Breadalbane for S5 & S6.
250. I would like S5,6 to be in this school because it would become a campus and have better sporting stuff.
251. This will work because people won't do primary and leave for Breadalbane in S1.
252. Yes that would be best and change school to a campus with a swimming pool and more and open over the weekend so people can get a job and more money.
253. I think there should be a S5 and S6 so it would improve the community and it would be easier for people who come from different areas and they would have a shorter day were people from Blair Atholl and Pitlochry would have a 6 hour day instead of 9 and that would mean you learn better because they're not sleep deprived.
254. I think this is the best idea because it saves lots of people from travelling to Aberfeldy.
255. I personally think that this would be the preferred option for everyone because you don't want Pitlochry to become a town sized retirement home.
256. Yes because in the winter Aberfeldy road is bad the bus could tip and then we could get killed. Whereas the road is gritted and less slippy and we could walk.
257. Ok
258. ☺
259. Yes, we should add S5 & S6 because it is important to keep the school open.
260. Yes this is a great idea.
261. I support option 2 because none of us want to go to Breadalbane Academy because we love Pitlochry High School, to me it's like another home and the staff are nice and helpful and if we have S5 and S6, nothing much will change and overall were all like family.
262. Yes because bus travel is 2 hours and if we have S5 and S6 then we are saving our school day.
263. Yes, because you get used to the teachers and ways of getting taught, you wouldn't want to change that. Travel to Breadalbane could be complicated, add photography, hairdressing etc. if we had S5+6 then people wouldn't want to move because they don't need to/won't have to for S5/6.
264. I would like that but if we got the same subjects choices as Breadalbane like: hairdressing, photography etc.
265. I think this would be ideal because it would mean we can stay where we are but we would need more subject choices like Breadalbane does such as hairdressing or photography. We would also need to a lot more room.
266. I agree with this option as long as we would have the same subject choices as Breadalbane e.g. Photography, Hairdressing and drama.
267. Yes this is a very good idea because you are on a bus for 2 hours in S5-6 and if you are travel sick it will be an absolute awful time for 2 years. If this was to happen it would be great because we deserve the same facilities as other schools in Perthshire.
268. Yes, keep it open. Travel in the winter it is really icy and we won't get as much education because we will stay of course off the roads.
269. I think this is a bad idea because the population rating in Breadalbane would go down as well as Pitlochry's population going up but I think having even more older people in the school is bad and it put more pressure on the staff and teachers.
270. I don't think this is the best decision because although it would increase occupancy levels, I think it would be too busy having S5+S6 joining the school again. If I'm being honest, I think it's good that S5+6 are in Breadalbane as the education for that age group is better taught in Breadalbane (than Pitlochry).
271. I quite like this one cause no Breadalbane.
272. I think this is the best option because it would get everything good from option1 and it would have S5+S6 as well.
273. Yes because when you first sit your exams in S4, I think that you should then sit your Highers/Advanced Highers at the same place.

274. I think this would be great to happen because I like where I live and I don't like getting a bus to school for 20 minutes.
275. As I said in option1 you should build the things we want built that I have listed. To increase the occupancy level you should prove S5+S6.
276. This is the best option in my opinion as the teachers are good and it's just the building that needs improving.
277. Would be the best option.
278. The best idea of them all. I would personally not like to be shipped on a bus for 45 minutes. It will affect the people who live on farms and have to get up earlier than they would if they went to Pitlochry. This will affect their learning as they are too tired to concentrate in school and won't do so well. So therefore I think they should open Pitlochry for S5 and S6.
279. The impact of this would be great since not only the school will be repaired but Pitlochry would get S5 and S6 instead of Breadalbane. I prefer this option than others.
280. This would be good. Aberfeldy is not that good, their exam results are not very good.
281. I think it's important to get S5 + S6 here because there a lot of people who don't even bother doing S5 and S6 purely because they don't want to go to Breadalbane.
282. I have X older sisters that went to Breadalbane and none of them enjoyed it! Pupils isolate them and they don't enjoy school. At Pitlochry, everyone knows everyone and the teachers are a lot more caring for every individual at smaller schools. If we have S5 + 6 in Pitlochry then we would have more familiarity.
283. I think it would be my strongest route for an option as I am normally crammed with work and after school clubs and I do not have time to go on a bus to school that has a lower exam pass rate and spend an hour a day sitting about when I could be doing homework or something productive.
284. This would be a really good option as no-one would have to move to Breadalbane which would eliminate more social anxiety and there would be no need for a bus ride further. I would think this by far is the best option. Also it means we don't have to get up earlier which boosts exam results and overall health.
285. This idea is good, as our test results will likely be better at PHS than at Breadalbane.
286. This option would be good for people who have to travel. This is the best option for everyone's benefit.
287. I think this is the best option as it is less stressful than to move during exams.
288. I think this is the best option. It's a lot more useful to have the same teachers as it's hard.
289. I think it would be a great idea to include S5 and S6 at PHS because there are a lot of pupils that live in Pitlochry and if the school includes S5 and S6, then we wouldn't have to travel all the way to Breadalbane.
290. This is a really good idea, because not only would more people be at the school, but we wouldn't have to go to Breadalbane, which has lower exam results, as well as the fact that going to a new, bigger school is a really difficult change for some people.
291. Pitlochry have better grades so it's better. Might attract more teachers. Everyone treated same. More kids will co
292. Me back.
293. It would prefer if they got 5th & 6th year because it would attract more teachers. More kids would come back because they could have 5th & 6th year here.
294. This would be a good idea to stop pupils from travelling over and the teachers can pay more attention to pupils. Teachers and pupils keep their relationship until we leave because they know us and how we learn, if we go to Breadalbane the teachers will only know us by our grades.
295. Best idea because no one needs to move school which causes less trouble for children moving to Feldy. People get travel sick on the way there. Have the same subjects as Breadalbane. Attracts more teachers and pupil. Make the community better for all the kids. Pitlochry gets better grades than Aberfeldy.
296. This would be a really good idea because then more people would stay instead of going to Breadalbane as most people moved to Breadalbane in S1 so they didn't have to move

- over halfway through secondary. Would also be better as you have known teachers since primary and they know and will treat us better.
297. This would improve the standard of education by preventing people from waking up early. Its shown that little sleep can reduce positive results. Additionally teenagers sleep cycles should last till around 10am. By making pupils awake earlier it reduces brain development.
298. Better for travelling – save money. More families attracted to Pitlochry.
299. Better for travelling to Breadalbane from Blair Atholl.
300. Seeing as we have a higher grade standard than BreadBin, S5-S6 would be good.
301. Good idea but not good as it will take a long time.
302. Would be good. Means no need to change morning routines because of differing travel time. Teachers would know student in S5+S6. 9/10
303. This would be very good if we get more subjects and people and make school state of the art.
304. Better for people in community and easy to get to school without long travel.
305. This is a good option.
306. Very good idea ma lad.
307. This would be a good idea as pupils would not have to go to Breadalbane on the bus as some students are car sick and road to Breadalbane is horrible.
308. This would make it easier for pupils at Pitlochry is a better option as you are receiving the same education from the same staff. Making it easier on pupils and saving them from going to Breadalbane. This is a stronger option.
309. Yes because Pitlochry gets better Nat 5/4 than Aberfeldy. The teachers aren't as good and they are biased (against Pitlochry). I don't want to change teachers cause that's the teachers that have taught me my whole life.
310. No then we will be cramped unless you build an extension.
311. Smaller classes are better, more promise for the school to still stay open, already know the teachers at Pitlochry.
312. I definitely think this is the best idea as if I had this option I would 100% stay here.
313. I'd prefer this. Easier on students to not have to move.
314. I would like this because it is a nice school with people I know so I wouldn't have to go to a completely new school where I would feel uncomfortable.
315. S5-S6 would be good idea in Pitlochry High School because it has good grades.
316. I think that you should do 5th + 6th year here because it means much less time spent on a bus. If you put us to Breadalbane the pupils that stay in Pitlochry etc. can't do after school activities which won't build the confidence and social skills.
317. I agree with Pitlochry to have S5 S6 because people have travel sickness and wouldn't have to wake up earlier.
318. I don't think this would be goof as kids won't be able to socialise with other/new kids.
319. I don't think this would really be a good idea as the school hasn't really got a lot of pupils so each year group won't have a lot of pupils in it.
320. I would like it if the S5 and S6 go into Pitlochry High School.
321. The school has less pupils because many people leave straight after primary to go to Breadalbane so they get to know people and settle in instead of leaving during S4. Even though Pitlochry has a better success rate than Breadalbane.
322. I think this should be the option so the pupils don't have to transfer to Breadalbane. Since it's a smaller school the teachers will be able to help each pupil more than in a big school. It also means small children won't have to take the bus.
323. Better because means don't have to transfer to Breadalbane, so stay with teachers you know and the school gets done.
324. This is a really good idea from my point of view. It would allow pupils to continue on learning into S5 without disruption. We would also continue on with the same teachers we are used to.
325. I think this would be really good because that way we don't have to travel 2 hours there and back and we don't have to get up at 8am in the morning!

326. I think this would be very beneficial to Pitlochry School and the population of the community.
327. This would be easier for people as they wouldn't need to travel.
328. Good don't think most people would want to move to Aberfeldy.
329. It would help with pupils as you would be in a school you know well. It is one option that is most likely to get through.
330. Alright idea as would make up numbers but certain places like the diney are already crammed and full with a lower number of people.
331. Preferred option as the travel impacts pupil's day making them more tired and less capable of learning.
332. I'm unsure about including S5 and S6 at Pitlochry High as the present staff there may not be able to support them in Highers & Advanced Highers as well as the process with UCAS. But, I wouldn't be against the idea but classes would get progressively smaller and would be much better supported.
333. This would be a good option because it would mean that pupils would not have to travel far to complete S5 and S6. This also means that they would still be familiar with everything e.g. teachers, friends, school.
334. May have to have more classes. More teachers would be needed who could teach higher and advance higher. At the moment there wouldn't be enough space at breaks as in S1 and S2 we had to hang out in the stairs.
335. Would work, mean we wouldn't have to travel, maybe include a bigger catchment area as well so there are more pupils overall.
336. This may help to keep the children's attendance and attitudes towards learning much higher as they know the school and feel comfortable with their academic success. There is also less travelling involved so it will be not as tiring for the pupils.
337. This would help days not be as long as it adds almost 2 hours to day which leaves less time for homework and extra-curricular activities which can be extra pressure.
338. I believe that this is the best move to make, as a former pupil who has experienced the transition to Breadalbane I would not recommend it to anyone else. Although they try everything to combat it, segregation is still a large issue between current and new pupils. S4 to S5 is a major step in a young person's education and you do not need the added stress of moving school and working in a place that is unfamiliar to you.
339. 100%. It's very hard moving to a new school during the most important year of high school (Highers). Pretty much affected most grades as we all had confidence that we built up at Pitlochry and then having to start over. Relationships between teachers is hard to build when you start in S5 which means it hard to ask questions. From my experience I genuinely think moving students in S5 is terrible which is why I think including S5 & S6 would be a better option for the students. Travelling is annoying. Pitlochry is in the middle (A9) it's easier for Dunkeld, Blair Atholl and even Aberfeldy.
340. I think that this would improve grades of S5/6's that went to Pitlochry as teaching at Pitlochry was good due to small classes and teacher support whereas in Breadalbane it is completely different. It is also hard to adjust to a new school. However I don't think resources at Pitlochry in some departments e.g. science are good enough to have Higher and Advanced Higher courses held due to the amount of work that is needed. I don't think it is very practical.
341. Think this would encourage a higher rate of pupils. Reduce transport needs to a particular catchment area. Only particular subject areas would be improved as if rate of pupils does not increase, a lack of interest would be shown.
342. I think there should either be all secondary or none of it as it just a hassle going half way.
343. It would be good as you don't have to wake up to a different routine as you got used to the Pitlochry routine.
344. It would increase the population of the school.
345. This would stop pupils from moving to Aberfeldy, which I think helped us to get used to meeting new people. I also think this would get rid of needing to get a bus to school, which would be good. Would allow pupils to do higher levels early e.g. higher in S4.

346. Sensible approach. Addresses both the condition and occupancy issues. Not sure why S5 and S6 pupils from Pitlochry need to go to Breadalbane in the first place? The increased transportation time, additional transportation requirements, pollution, less time available for pupils to study and/or interact with family/ community must have a detrimental effect on the community. In addition, the initial decision to move pupils at an important stage of their education seems to be counterproductive and against the best interests of the pupils. Has anyone asked those who have had to move what they think? The transportation times for the pupils that live in the current northerly areas of the Pitlochry catchment area must make this commute almost farcical.
347. This would be even more brilliant. Making Pitlochry a real destination for families and encouraging more people to move to the area and make it their family home - and pupils would enjoy undisrupted continuation of their studies to a higher level, and be able to continue achieving above average results.
348. There are many benefits of having S5 and S6. Better continuity for children when sitting important and daunting exams with support of adults they know and trust. In S4 it is a difficult transition time emotionally for children and it would be better that they remain in a place which is familiar to them. Staff know the children inside out and are there to support and encourage children through their whole school career. The children do not have to commute 40 mins each way on a bus on a twisty, bumpy road. There are also many more opportunities for peer mentoring through the school between nursery, primary and secondary to build confidence and develop skills for the world of work.
349. This would take away much of the uncertainty that many residents of Pitlochry currently feel who have children in the primary school and early secondary. Children would then have the security of a stable education and parents would not be looking at moving out of the area to where their children can secure a place at a school which can provide a full and broad educational experience for their young people.
350. Yes think this should be done to support pupils and the community as a whole.
351. Improve people's pride in having a smart school, extend the learning of Pitlochry young people within their home town, in association with local businesses.
352. Second best option but the move to Breadalbane for final 2 years helps in the transition to university etc.
353. In an ideal world children should be taught in their own local community. It might be possible to increase s5 and s6 children by increasing catchment area?
354. This would be desirable, would attract more families to the town and overcome the poor transitions we have witnessed in a high number of students who currently experience a difficult adjustment in S5. This is something that has been voiced by parents and students themselves.
355. That option feel best from my point of view, children wouldn't need to travel to Aberfeldy when in S5 and S6, keener to continue learning, having school friends all the way of secondary.
356. This is a brilliant opportunity for everyone, when I was at the school I remember asking why is there no s5 and s6 here. I suffered bad travel sickness so I left school after s4. Having this option would increase the occupancy level and I think more pupils would stay on to s6. I have a baby and would like to think my child can be in the same school for XXXXX whole education.
357. Waste of time, Breadalbane has far more opportunities than Pitlochry has and will ever have.
358. Have always felt moving children for the last 2 years of their school life was a stupid decision. They have already made their friends and are comfortable in their surroundings. This has always had a negative effect on our children and the travel to Breadalbane has always been an appalling journey for them there should always have been an S5 and S6.
359. Again bring more families into the area, and the wider community.
360. Where the town didn't necessarily have the numbers of children staying at school beyond S4 to make this viable in past years, most school pupils today stay on beyond

- age 16. As the town has grown substantially in the last 20 years and will likely continue to do so, this seems the most future-proof and sustainable long term option
361. It should be able to take higher s5.
362. This is the most viable option for a positive impact on the community and future of education for this area. Also, for the welfare of the pupils in the existing rural catchment...they do not need to travel hours daily for 6 years of education. This would have an adverse impact on their wellbeing, concentration and their education. This option could also see the catchment area opened up to include Kirkmichael & neighbouring villages, and Tummel Bridge etc. Villages that only travel to Blairgowrie or Breadalbane for straight through education and not because it is closer. I truly believe this is the solution for Highland Perthshire's education provision. Pitlochry is also so central to the region, this should always have been the solution!
363. Again great idea, condition needs improved as hasn't changed much since I was a pupil 10+ years ago. Personally I hated moving school after S4 and a big reason why I left shortly after.
364. Helps with the continued learning from nursery to s6 which is best for the education of children. Again what is improving the condition of the school. Part of Pitlochry School was built as a temporary solution and still stands just now. Why cover the cracks again.
365. As above but it will enhance the pupils experience to allow them to continue their education until S6 in a nurturing environment where they know the staff and the staff know them. Teenage mental health is a huge issue now more than ever so allowing this vulnerable age group to stay in a school environment they know and trust can ensure they are more likely to have their needs identified and met. It would also encourage more 16 year olds to continue their education, not everyone one can adapt to a new school at this age and for some the easier option would be to leave.
366. S5 & 6 will act as leaders of learning within the school. These pupils will perform better in an environment that they are accustomed to and with teachers and pupils who know them and their learning styles.
367. I think this would be more encouraging for pupils to stay on for further education as the travelling to Breadalbane is horrendous.
368. The condition rating of the school should certainly be improved. I think this is a good idea. I remember getting the bus to Breadalbane and the earlier mornings certainly do take their toll, especially when you are studying for the most important exams you will ever take at school. I also remember the travel greatly impacting on my ability to take part in after school activities which are a huge part of school life, and if I did take part I would not get home until well after 5. A high school should be part of the community with young people actively engaging, but by being at a high school which is not part of the area you live in, the ability for this to happen is impossible. You simply attend you classes and get the bus home, there is no option to interact.
369. Preferred. Optimal option for the school, for pupils and crucially for the local community.
370. A great option. Would make Pitlochry a more desirable town for families, balancing the desirability of Pitlochry as a place to retire to. Would improve education of high school pupils and encourage more to stay on to s5 and s6. I struggled with the long days and travel sickness on bus journeys resulting in me leaving after s5. I therefore missed out on university which has had lifelong implications.
371. Will improve facilities for learning, will help to attract families to the area with positive knock on effects for the community. Will ensure pupils in S5 and S6 can focus on their critical studies at this time without the added stress and burden of having to travel over 2 hours on top of their school day.
372. As a pupil of PHS I always wanted to carry on to do fifth and sixth year but was put off going to Feldy. So giving the kids more options may improve their education without too much upset!
373. I think this is better Pitlochry is a hub that is getting bigger new families with children moving in all the time to local areas also. If you take away the school you take away the heart of the community.

374. Better than option 1. Particularly good for pupils reducing disruption to their education. Depending on improvement to condition may also have benefits for integration into the community providing facilities.
375. Best option as PHS is a more central location for highland Perthshire and would allow students from Rannoch and the wider area a school within reach.
376. This would be the best. I am former pupil and going to Aberfeldy was really daunting for 5th and 6th year, moving from a school where you knew everyone to where you knew almost no one and you didn't know the teachers. In 1st to 4th year you build up a relationship with your teachers which was important for the subjects you had chosen. In 5th and 6th year you had little time to settle in before you had prelims and the main exams you just had to do your best but was hard everything being new. More physically challenging was standing in the snow and rain waiting for a bus at the start of the day or in Aberfeldy at the end of the school day. This meant having to get up earlier and going to bed earlier instead of the time being spent on studying and finishing of school work. The roads to Aberfeldy are windy also not the best for a trip to school.
377. Might be difficult to get staff.
378. This is my preferred option combined with a better all-round education and learning experience for children. Pitlochry needs young people in the community for it to thrive.
379. Yes, this would bring more pupils and families to our beautiful town! See our option 6 proposal further down.
380. I feel it is absolutely imperative to include S5 & S6 in Pitlochry. The travelling time involved for these senior pupils can only have a detrimental effect to them at such a crucial stage of their education. Spending 2+ hrs (even more for some) each day travelling is tiring, it is wasted time that should be used for study/homework etc., and when they finally do get home to then have to start on homework etc. is expecting too much of these young people.
381. This can only improve the pupil's numbers and help to widen the opportunities for our young people. My XXXXX daughters found the move to Aberfeldy after S4 disruptive and an added stress at an important time in their education. In addition to this, pupils from outlying areas have to travel for 2 hours + each day and most of this is done during the dark winter months using winding country roads. This is exhausting for the pupils but also can be socially difficult for more timid characters. I think that more pupils would successfully complete their senior years at school if the change of schools and travelling were not an issue.
382. Yes I think this is an option.
383. Allows local children to continue their education at their school with no disruption to education at an intense time in their education.
384. Improve condition of school and include s5 and s6.
385. As S5 and S6 are established already at Breadalbane this is not the best way to improve occupancy levels. It would be difficult to provide the physical space for extra classes. The fact that the school intake stops at S4 provides the school with a special character that has a family feeling and suits more vulnerable pupils some of whom have come from Blairgowrie for that reason.
386. Great keeps the children in their home town.
387. This would be perfect for the school, the pupils, the staff and the community. It would also allay concerns regarding occupancy rating. Our pupils move to Breadalbane, and every former pupil I have spoken to have expressed a preference of having stayed at Pitlochry for S5/S6.
388. Yes.
389. Saves s5 and s6 more time which can be used for studying as don't need to travel as far if from Pitlochry.
390. This is by far the best option. It would be physical proof that our community is worth investing in and that our young people are valued. It would improve the prospects, health and wellbeing of all secondary age pupils in the area.

391. Absolutely. 5th and 6th year are very important years and as an ex pupil who attended Breadalbane for the shortest period I could after leaving PHS in 4th year, and then left because the move caused unnecessary disruption, I whole heartedly feel having 5th and 6th year at Pitlochry is a brilliant idea and would absolutely increase the numbers of young adults who stay on in full time education.
392. Would definitely encourage more pupils to stay on for 5th and 6th and be better for pupils in the area.
393. Cut transport costs and disruptions for pupils having to go to Aberfeldy to continue education as my daughter has to - critical age and all new place and teachers who don't know your child or capability.
394. Ideal option, this has always been promised and never happened. It is ridiculous to consider a school with the catchment area of Pitlochry without S5 and S6. The provision of this may actually dissuade people who remove their children after Primary to leave their children at Pitlochry High.
395. Again the cost involved. Also would there be enough pupils staying for 5th and 6th to make this option work. Also again I feel this comes down to having resources and pupil courses/ opportunities for pupils and keep this going year in, year out. I believe 5th and 6th year was stopped several years ago because if the low numbers staying on for 5th and 6th year.
396. Would be preferred. As a former pupil who lived in Blair Atholl, the journey to Aberfeldy or Perth for S5/S6 was long. As an adult, it seems pretty ridiculous that a child should have to travel so far to school.
397. This option is relevant if incorporating online learning options to enable pupil choice, plus allow use of school for community learning use.
398. As an ex-pupil who left PHS at the end of S4 and made the trip to Breadalbane for two years, I see nothing wrong with this system. In order to accommodate S5 and S6, the school would require a complete re-design, potentially including a community campus (to warrant such an extensive change and cost) and therefore become more like Breadalbane. As both schools are only 15 miles apart, I'm not sure the area could sustain two large community campuses. However, if PHS could offer something different to Breadalbane, it could work.
399. Allow children to complete education without the disruption of moving school. Allows them to remain in a familiar environment. Less travelling to and from school in important school years.
400. As I don't have kids at the school, I don't pretend to understand if the present system of bussing S5 and S6 to Aberfeldy works. I can only say that the footprint of the accommodation at Pitlochry seem to me to be able to be adapted to accommodate senior pupils and bringing more teachers into the area can only be a good thing, on many levels.
401. This is my preferred option. As a mother of children who have been to this school and with one still to go I feel that had there been a 5/6th year when my other children attended they would not have had to go to a 5/6th year school that ultimately failed each of my children.
402. Positive - as above and provide consistency in education for pupils. I attended PHS, 35 years ago, until 4th and performed very well at state exams. After moving to Breadalbane my performance suffered, which I put down to unsettling nature of the move and additional travel. I did not achieve necessary grades for my career choice and even after all these years, feel that, had I stayed at PHS for 5th & 6th year I would have achieved more in a career of my choice.
403. Keep local people in the local area and potentially draw others! Reduce travel time for local children during crucial education phase. Makes moving to the area more appealing from the outside. Boosts local economy. Definitely the right thing to do
404. Sounds a better option...as somewhere the size of Pitlochry should surely sustain a S5 & S6. Better for whole community and kids in area...reduces the impact also on over stretching Breadalbane Academy

405. Too costly as new staff would be required
406. Important option the children don't need the upheaval of going to another school when it's an important time for subject choice and exams. All that on top of trying to fit in with a new school is far too much for them to cope with.
407. This is the best option as people with families will move into the area to see their children go through the school.... rather than elsewhere
408. This would be the preferable action. As a former pupil and now a parent of one and soon to be two pupils I feel that the educational experience that can be delivered by introducing S5 & S6 is superior to that of an education delivered over two different schools with two different groups of teachers. My education suffered as a result and the best example would be the children who currently have to travel from areas like Calvine and Trinafour to Breadalbane every day, they have a bus journey of over an hour each way including stops. This adds to what is already a mentally and physically taxing experience of S5 & S6 exams. It time we gave the local children a better educational experience and increase their potential to succeed.
409. I doubt they'd get teachers to do this.
410. This would be the best option. Having to move school! For the final most important two years of your education ('re exams) is quite unsettling.
411. My preferred option. I moved to the town 8 years ago and was astonished to learn that older children decant to a more remote location. Having been involved in city twinning, PFT, and, in the past, provision of visitor attractions, each of these activities suffered for lack of in town S5 and S6, and as a retired university lecturer I know that rates of progression to HE benefit from such opportunities.
412. As above but would obviously make things easier for S5/S6 pupils who currently have to travel. However I would be concerned about the impact upon Breadalbane and I although travelling doesn't work for all pupils, as a teenager I travelled to high school (45 mins each way) and it was an integral and enjoyable part of my growing up. Going to a new school, in a new place, developing new friendships, taking responsibility for yourself (making sure you didn't miss the bus!) expanded my horizons, increased my confidence, gave me new skills and took me out of my comfort zone. I don't think keeping seniors cosseted at the same school for their entire school career is necessarily the best option.
413. Much better idea for the local kids - keep their education local so that they can focus on it and not have to add a longer commute to and from school every day. Pitlochry needs its young people to have local opportunities for education and work - especially with Brexit looming. Pitlochry is a tourism based economy so parents and their children should have the opportunity to work and be educated locally.
414. This is the option that makes more sense.
415. This I believe if can be shown as the most optimal education provision would significantly benefit the community in terms of short term construction but beyond that additional teaching and support jobs and wider community benefits through a wider population interaction.
416. This should never have had to be discussed. S5 & S6 should always be in the same school as a pupil has studied S1-S4 in!
417. While this would be nice, the school is not large enough and pupils will miss out with what Breadalbane have to offer.
418. This is the best option as it will keep pupils in the area all through school and encourage people to move to Pitlochry with their families.
419. As above but helps maintain continuity in pupils education by including 5th and 6th years.
420. School building not big enough.
421. Along with Investment.
422. I lived in Ballinluig and didn't like moving to Breadalbane Academy for 5th and 6th year. It was such an upheaval.
423. Ideal, simplify travel, reduce safety risk, take advantage of new A9 safety improvements and avoid the dangers of many 49 seater buses travelling off the A9 towards Aberfeldy.

Avoid the pressure on Breadalbane to try and accommodate all of Pitlochry pupils (which we were told previously that it cannot). However making it S5/S6 requires appropriated staffing to cover same subject areas as other schools to Adv. Higher.

424. Better than option one. Would encourage more pupils to do s5 and s6. Would allow for more community work from the older pupils esp in s6. Would encourage more young families to move to/ remain in the town.
425. Best thing for the pupil's continuity of education.
426. Brilliant as these pupils are peers and role models for younger pupils.
427. This is the best option. Adding a 5th and 6th year will mean that Pitlochry is an attractive town for families to stay in or move to and will keep the community alive.
428. If it was workable, a decent option also.
429. Overdue, as an ex pupil the travel to and from Breadalbane had an obvious negative impact on my grades.
430. Will make town more attractive for families to move to. Will make life easier for pupils on 5 and 6 and more likely to stay in education. Will therefore increase local business. More employment.
431. Provides local education for children from an already well established school.
432. This is a must. With so many pupils leaving after s4 to avoid the dreadful travel to and from Breadalbane. I went to Breadalbane for a few weeks then left as the travel was terrible and they didn't do higher PE at the time.
433. I believe that including S5 and S6 would increase the number of pupils who would stay on beyond S4. Having attended PHS until S4, then having to move schools to complete S5 and S6 I watched many of my fellow classmates drop out after S4 and many more drop out after S5 after being unhappy after moving schools. The added journey time travelling to school was something many of us did not have to deal with while attending PHS and many were unable to cope with when travelling to Breadalbane academy. Allowing more pupils to finish S5 and S6 would improve the education of our local children, thus improving their future prospects to be able to contribute to our local community.
434. I only with Pitlochry High School had included S5 and S6 when I attended as that move to Breadalbane at that stage of schooling was simply awful! If I'd had the option to stay on at PHS I have no doubt I'd have stayed to the end and chosen a different path rather than staying at Breadalbane until I was old enough to leave and jumping into the first college course that took my fancy!
435. This is beyond doubt the better option for the children.
436. Good option. The lack of S5-S6 education puts families off from moving to the Pitlochry area, meaning an aging population and slower economy. Improving the occupancy level and making Pitlochry more attractive to parents in this way will have economic benefits to the wider community. Those in S5-S6 would have more time at home to concentrate on their studies or community projects. By reducing the long journeys they have to make, their quality of life would improve dramatically at a crucial point in their education.
437. This option would create a viable alternative to sending pupils on an unnecessary bus journey to a badly managed school in Aberfeldy.
438. This would benefit the community of Pitlochry in terms of convenience, kids could get to school quicker in S5 and S6. But seems unnecessary as the distance to Breadalbane is not huge.
439. As above it will improve resources for pupils, encourages families to the area. Community benefits from having a full age spectrum represented. S5+6 will allow a greater subject choice for pupils. Pupils will have more time to study, not as tired as less travel involved. Able to act as mentors/ role models to younger pupils.
440. Again, a positive for the community.
441. this would work better for the school and community.
442. This seems the obvious way forward, in conjunction with option 3. It makes sense for children to be educated in their own community, to be allowed to take part in extracurricular activities within their community, and for them to have some continuity.

My eldest child struggled with the transition to Breadalbane after 4th year, and the time it takes to adjust to a new school at that stage definitely hindered his preparation for his Higher exams. I understand that Pitlochry High School has above average exam results, and surely the high quality of the education children currently receive there is the most important thing? If children could continue their education at PHS to S6 it would encourage more young people to stay in full time education.

443. This would be a very good idea. Will encourage younger families to take up residence in the area. Benefiting the local economy.
444. This is a good option, possibly the best. Option 6 really hinges on the viability of Kirkmichael school/numbers of children there but may be better overall.
445. This would be an ideal option as it would give Pitlochry HS the same value as the other Secondary Schools and encourage more families to keep their children here post Primary School.
446. Excellent this has been needed for many years to help keep young people learning and not having to be nervous at changing schools at this vulnerable age.
447. As above and also as a former pupil and parent of 2 former pupils, I know the detrimental effects of changing school after S4 - having gained high grades at PHS (which as a school has always performed well in the results) then the whole upheaval of moving to a new school with all the changes involved at a pivotal point in growing up. This is the best option for the pupils educational needs which must be a priority over any financial considerations.
448. As above, and S5 and S6 are necessary to improve the profile of Pitlochry High School (secondary). It was also cut down the transfer of pupils to Breadalbane and help others that live north of Pitlochry.
449. This would be ideal, for the high school to follow through to 6th year at Pitlochry.
450. As above. Also, there is much local anecdotal evidence that indicates that it can be unsettling and disruptive to children's education to move to Breadalbane at this stage in their education. Some choose not to complete S5/6 due to this.
451. More pupils will opt to stay on for further education, increased likelihood of more families moving to the area. Takes away the negative impact the thought of travelling over to Aberfeldy has for pupils who would have to not only move to a different school but have to integrate with an established peer group at a crucial stage of their lives. The negative impact that travel sickness has on the ability to learn is also an undesirable factor.
452. This is the best option for highland Perthshire. Pitlochry is thriving with events like the Etape and Enchanted Forest, businesses are doing well and people want to visit and move here - lack of local secondary education would have a huge negative impact. The community must be listened to, they know best.
453. This would benefit the pupils, other users of the school and more importantly would guarantee 6 years of uninterrupted secondary education for Pitlochry and catchment area pupils. It would also eliminate the need for travel to Aberfeldy - a miserable journey on a daily basis and tricky in bad weather conditions. It also allows pupils to enjoy after-school activities in Pitlochry. From a community point of view, firstly, it keeps Pitlochry alive with young people in evidence and secondly, an improved building would encourage more use by the wider community.
454. This would be an excellent option I hated having to get the bus to Aberfeldy and get used to a new school Having got 7 A's in my ogrades I left school after fifth year I'm sure I would have stayed on if it had still been Pitlochry High School.
455. As above and would benefit S5 and S6 to complete their senior education at the same school.
456. Good for the community. Better opportunities for the children. More likely to complete S5&6.
457. Would make it a more desirable school and therefore help bring families to the area therefore improving school occupancy and increase population.
458. A fantastic plan, and long overdue. Our kids have been dealt a bad hand over the last 20 years with lack of facilities that other towns take for granted. Occupancy can be

increased by welcoming dunked pupils whose parents want them to remain in a rural school rather than being sent to Perth schools which is the rumour. Keeping rural schools alive is such an important thing, especially in the unhealthy world we live in. Pitlochry is having a baby boom, and people are sacrificing having a chunk of their wages to live in this beautiful town. Rent and house prices are sky high but we continue to build our lives here despite the financial challenges. We should be given the school and facilities this town and its residents finally deserve.

459. Beneficial in terms of building critical mass.
460. Including S5 & S6 in my opinion is imperative. The reason to increase occupancy is irrelevant really. This is such a vital time for the pupil's education, and having to endure a 2-3 hr journey time every day in addition to their school hours is not acceptable. They have to get up early and don't get home till later, and then have to start doing homework when already tired - this can only be detrimental. Pupils local to Aberfeldy have an advantage in that they have more spare time to use wisely. There are absolutely NO positive points about having to travel to Breadalbane for S5/S6 - except for the facilities, but pupils from Pitlochry and other outlying villages are not able to take advantage of the after school activities and facilities unless a parent is able to collect them by car - putting extra pressure on families both time and financially. Some pupils suffer from travel sickness and the bumpy, winding journey to Aberfeldy is a real trial. As for the community, it would mean that more people / families would consider living in Pitlochry or nearby, thus boosting the population and keeping the town a vibrant and multi-age town.
461. Important for future of children's education and continue to attract and retain pupils.
462. Provide better environment for pupils and staff to learn & work. Keep the cohort of local young people together and the role model of S5 & S6 pupils to those younger, improving aspiration. Increase likely hood of families locating in area knowing that there is full local school provision without the disruption of dividing senior phase. Removing additional burden of extensive travel on young people would improve quality of their and family life. The local community would benefit from S5&S6 pupils being more readily able volunteer in the town while they would feel more connected to their community.
463. It is widely accepted that when young people leave a remote rural community - even for school - they rarely return. So the longer young people can remain in a community the more likely it is that they will find work locally and stay in the community. Often that employment develops from part-time work.
464. Perfect option. 2 daughters and both struggled with the transition to Breadalbane at such a critical time in their education so important for the future of our community.
465. This is my favourite option. I think the school needs upgraded and pupils would benefit from staying at one school.
466. I do think that including S5 and S6 pupils is very important for the community, would have a positive environmental impact with less shipped out to Breadalbane and therefore less coaches in the morning and evening. Having a 6th (S5/S6) form improves the standards of education as the whole school looks up to them. Young people however need a huge incentive to stay on in education and I feel that subjects should be specialist to the area reflecting business in the location i.e. Theatre arts, music, digital and visual arts (making links with the theatre); and may be hospitality and tourism. I would also say making links with the Whisky distilleries as this is also local to the school.
467. As for option 1. The main focus for decision making must be the educational impact for the local young people. It also has to be the most effective way of ensuring the future of Pitlochry as a town and maintaining the small rural villages and homesteads that are part of the community. There can be little attraction for new families to choose to live in an area where their children might have to travel up to 2 hours/day to get to and from their Secondary school. Without this the population will not grow and we must take care that Pitlochry does not become just a holiday destination. The community currently work hard to promote the area as a place for all seasons but this would become unsustainable if there were fewer families moving in to the town.

468. This option, coupled with option 3, is the only options suitable for PHS. I don't want my child travelling miles every day, with travel sickness, when the school she knows & thrives in is only minutes away from home. Before and after school hours should be used to benefit the child, not for transportation purposes. Pitlochry is the thriving heart of Highland Perthshire, our economy and community relies on the school. P&KC shouldn't be considering tearing the heart out of our community. How many children have dropped out at the end of S4 due to the transition to BCC historically? I personally know quite a lot within different generations - this impacts on all aspects of the child's future.
469. This would be my first option if it was feasible to deliver the educational requirements for the senior pupils. I do think it is important to keep the secondary school open. See 5 below.
470. All secondary school pupils within the catchment including S5 & S6 should attend Pitlochry High School and not be forced to endure the costly, time consuming and sometimes hazardous journey to Aberfeldy. The school roll would then be sufficient to justify its position as a very good establishment.
471. Yes, if a good choice of subjects can be provided.
472. This would benefit the pupils from both in and out with Pitlochry. As a pupil who spent over 4 hours a day travelling to and from Aberfeldy for 5th and 6th year, I struggled with the combination of the travel with the pressures of moving to a new school and gaining sufficient grades for further education.
473. Even better!
474. Yes.
475. Again - see above. Increasing capacity would be ideal but in reality how would you be able to manage this with such a small role? Could lead to limitations of choice, composite classes and virtual learning options. I cannot see this being viable.
476. This is the best option, people north of Pitlochry also depend on this school and to close is ridiculous , I think this school should have s5 and s6 held here too as there is no need for these pupils to travel further to continue their education.
477. Yes, this is a brilliant idea. Transferring schools at S4 was very disruptive to my mental health, my grades and my life as a whole.
478. Including S5 & S6 should only be done if the subject choices can be broadened to the same offered at Breadalbane and allows pupils to utilise the same facilities. It should not be done merely to make council occupancy level look better - this is our children's' futures we are dealing with.
479. Whatever happens S5 and S6 should be educated in Pitlochry. Teachers could be shared with Breadalbane and the teachers could travel between schools as appropriate.
480. This would perhaps encourage fewer Pitlochry pupils to leave before S5 or S6 because they would have a better relationship with the school compared to Breadalbane Academy. As a current pupil at Breadalbane Academy, I can certify that the relationship is poorer and many bright fellow pupils have been lost due to poor communications. It would also result in better exam results-there is a lower quality of teaching in Breadalbane, at Pitlochry the small class sizes meant more teacher attention and help. This contributed to the very high level of learning and excellent exam results. This would result in more people leaving Pitlochry High School with better qualifications, or more qualifications, as teachers make a big effort to help you. This would obviously benefit the local community hugely as people would be more qualified.
481. Yes, but (having seen what Portree and Aviemore have achieved with their school buildings), why can PKC not provide a similar standard of modern building providing a wide range of uses for the community?
482. Including S5 & S6 would be beneficial to occupancy level, as the thought of switching schools after being in the high school for 4 years would stop many pupils from continuing their education.
483. Perfect option as it excludes the lengthy travel to Breadalbane.

484. This could also be a good option and would add stability to pupils' school careers. I would be concerned about whether the existing school infrastructure could accommodate this.
485. Including s5 and s6 will hopefully mean that children within Kirkmichael will be more likely to attend. (my own children in the future).
486. This could really boost the school and encourage more pupils to stay on until 6th year. It would avoid senior pupils having to travel for 2 hours every day to get to and from school, which impedes them from doing after school activities and limits homework/study time. However, there would need to be an investment in new teachers and new facilities to allow for a wide range of subject choices at S5 and S6 level.
487. This would be the best option. As Pitlochry is a central town in the area it is vital that it has a functioning secondary school facility. The high number of families in the area will increase as the older population fades away and to say that there will not be proper school in the immediate area will be a disaster. It will improve academic, after school activity and community involvement and be incredibly beneficial to all the pupils who attend.
488. As a standalone action, this may well add more cost per pupil, without addressing the need to offer a broad choice of subjects. Virtual teaching, and linking with other schools would have to be part of this, which it would seem is a "no brainer" for other class years, to broaden subject choice and improve value for money for the investment in the school estate.
489. This option would be good for the children and community.
490. All secondary school pupils within the catchment including S5 & S6 should attend Pitlochry High School and not be forced to endure the costly, time consuming and sometimes hazardous journey to Aberfeldy. The school roll would then be sufficient to justify its position as a very good establishment.
491. This could work well. It would reduce the anxiety of having to change schools.
492. Including S5 S6 is vital, in that it makes the school much more attractive for parents with secondary age children.
493. To include S5 and S6 at Pitlochry would be a huge benefit to the school. As a previous pupil of the school the move to Breadalbane in 5th year was a struggle. Of course there are many parents who now look at the Breadalbane campus and think that if the children have to move there is 5th year anyway perhaps they are better having their full schooling there. Do not put this doubt in their minds and make sure they can complete their education in one school.
494. Our results at S4 are better than Breadalbane's, more of our pupils get to pick the combination of subjects that they want than at Breadalbane, this is the only sensible option moving forward. You can't do History and French Highers at Breadalbane, for example, because the columns clash.
495. Would cut costs of having to bus pupils every day.
496. This would be very beneficial as the whole of schooling is in the one place.
497. As above. Also children in Pitlochry don't have to travel further to attend s5 and S6.
498. Good idea. However we have a great facility in Breadalbane, can the council afford this option??? Is this a realistic option.
499. The number of pupils is too small to allow sufficient subject choice for S5 and S6.
500. I don't think that this would make the school more attractive to families as it is too small to offer a wide enough range of subjects. Families would not be drawn to the town.
501. I think this is the best option. We want to keep young people in the area and encourage young families to continue to move to the area and the school is a very important factor in doing that. Also we need young people for employment in local businesses especially during the tourist season which is so important for our community.
502. Yes. This would allow pupils to have a shorter day and give opportunity for after-school activities.
503. This is an ideal scenario. The majority of current (and former) pupils would prefer to stay on at Pitlochry HS for S5/6. At this stage in their education, pupil friendship groups and

relationships are important. Allowing them to stay on will have a positive impact on their relationships which in turn helps them to feel settled and engaged with their learning. Also, less travel time to Breadalbane allows for other extracurricular activities. Improvement in the condition of the building alongside the introduction of S5/6 will also see more pupils attracted to the school and the town.

504. This would be a great option for us. It would allow for parental engagement, as we are a manageable distance from the school. Our children would be allowed to take part in after school activities and would benefit from these. It also keeps a school in the community, as a 2 hour daily commute is not acceptable for us, which would be the case if the school was closed.
505. Potential, as a former pupil it is a strange transition to Breadalbane and I spent S5 and S6 feeling like no teachers really knew me, in bigger classes where I was less confident as I suddenly was introduced to a class the size of my Pitlochry one. By incorporating S5 and S6 into Pitlochry High would be a good idea for the pupils.
506. This is the only option which must be chosen and acted on!! Pitlochry high school is an excellent school!! First and foremost the children, both present and future generations need to be educated from 1st to 6th year the children are the priority and their safety, comfort, education and future is what is important.
507. Seems ideal, but don't think numbers would enable good range of subject options for s5 and S6 pupils with only current catchment.
508. In addition to the benefits outlined in the answer to 2a there would substantial further benefits. S5 and S6 pupils would: gain substantial time that is currently wasted travelling to school; get up later, which is more in line with the melatonin production cycles of young adults and hence would substantially increase their efficiency and learning potential; not suffer from travel sickness associated with the windy road to Aberfeldy, or adverse side effects of taking preventative medication; reduce risks associated with road travel; gain opportunities to engage in after-school activities; avoid the stress of a school transfer (which is known to adversely affect performance and achievement) at a critical stage of school development; increase the health and welfare of students, reducing stress and risks of mental illness, which is currently increasing among young people and should obviously be avoided. Efforts would be required to ensure that S5 and S6 students were not disadvantaged due to reduction in curricula options. However, this should in any case be a priority for all schools through the adoption of distance learning options. The world is rapidly advancing through enhanced digital communications. It should be possible for pupils at a more senior level studying many subjects to have customised courses taught by multiple tutors from anywhere in Scotland (or indeed the world), provided that modest local support is made available. Such options already exist informally for those who are interested and could readily be formalised into a modern forward-looking curriculum. This School Review provides an ideal opportunity to implement a radical new approach to development of Pitlochry and other Perthshire schools through application of distance learning and the long overdue extension of Pitlochry High School to cover education from nursery through to S6. In the case of Pitlochry, a substantial budget would be freed up by eliminating the need for PKC to provide daily transport of S5 and S6 pupils to Aberfeldy. Wider community benefits would also accrue. Stress for parents associated with the transfer and travel of S5 and S6 pupils to Aberfeldy would be reduced. For teaching staff, the ability to cover the curriculum through to S6 would hugely advantage development and subsequent employability at other schools as part of a career. This, in turn, would be expected to increase the attraction of Pitlochry HS and hence assure a high-quality teaching staff.
509. Including 5th and 6th year at Pitlochry High School and improving the condition rating is the preferred option. Offering an all-through secondary education will encourage families to live within the locality and alleviates the need for a transition to Breadalbane in the middle of the Higher education phase. Pupils will be unlikely to transition early if they know that their future learning is secured at Pitlochry. Families will be confident in settling within the local area if there is education to support their children - an all-through

- provision from Nursery to Secondary S6 will definitely strengthen this, boost the school occupancy and, in turn, will sustain and, more importantly, grow the community.
510. Looking at the number of pupils who opt to finish their education after S4 rather than continue to Breadalbane, and looking at the number of pupils who opt OUT of Breadalbane in the first term of S5 it is obvious that continuing their education in the same school will increase the occupancy and increase the number of pupils leaving school with far better qualifications. It would be very useful for the committee to interview a selection of pupils who have moved from Pitlochry to Breadalbane for S5&6 and obtain a truthful impression of how it has affected them!
511. Having removed family members due to the high levels of unaddressed bullying and harassment within all levels of PHS I would suggest pouring more children into this toxic mix would be ill advised!
512. This is my most favoured option as I feel that children are having to travel too far to get to Aberfeldy. Children from Blair Atholl and surrounding areas should not be expected to travel two hours a day. This takes away important family time, homework time and leisure time, impacting their ability to go to groups such as scouts etc. They have to get up an hour earlier than other children as well which impacts on their concentration levels and health. I also think the disruption of changing school for S5 and S6 is detrimental to their learning. Allowing them to stay at Pitlochry would give continuity and stability in what is already a high pressure time for them. Improving the facilities and condition of the school and including S5 and S6 pupils would improve life for the children as well as the wider community.
513. The fabric of the school needs to be improved. If this is an option then it should be extended to include s5 & s6. If we lose the senior school then we lose the senior pupils who would be available to take part time jobs in the local community. Being able to get jobs benefits the pupil's social skills, helps keep employment in the area for local people. Families will be less likely to come to the area without a high school therefore endangering the local economy, community and a wonderful way of life. My children grew up here in this community and attended Pitlochry from nursery onwards and it gave them a great start in life. It is lovely to watch the children grow up. We all realise now in life good influences, family relations & community raise children - this starts at school for many children. Take the school out of the community and you remove the heart of the community.
514. Would be v acceptable as part of solution.
515. No.
516. Rural communities need their schools. They're more than just educational centres, important that may be. Our schools breathe life into our communities. Pitlochry needs Pitlochry High School for its future. Pitlochry High School needs their feeder schools such as Blair Atholl Primary and Logierait Primary. By keeping these primary schools open and restructuring the catchment area to incorporate other primary schools is a must for Pitlochry High School. On top of that, resource Pitlochry High School so that it can continue to achieve the good academic standards it already has. Many parents have been influenced by fear; not knowing the future of the school and as a result moving their children to Breadalbane Academy so they can enjoy secondary school in the one place into S5 and S6. That fear would be decimated if the education authority expanded Pitlochry High School to include S5 and S6.
517. This will encourage those within the community to keep their children at Pitlochry and not send them to Breadalbane in 1st year. It is also encouraging to those who may be looking to move into Pitlochry with children of school age to do so, why would you move somewhere without a secondary school if you have children.
518. The best option. Give families a reason to stay or move to Pitlochry. It is an unappealing prospect to move to a school that finishes in S4. Surely this is a concept rooted in the 50s.
519. It is hugely disruptive to make the transition for S5 to Breadalbane at this age. Anecdotally I know many people who achieved highly in the small, supportive Pitlochry

and then failed to reach anywhere near their potential in S5/S6. This was certainly the case with my eldest child and I would be very interested in seeing the actual data. Pitlochry High School is at the heart of our community and the staff have spent years fostering good, individual relationships with each young person. I would have loved for my older child to have continued to receive the excellent standard of education he received here in his senior years and hope this is the case for my younger children.

520. This should have been done years ago and Pitlochry lost out to Aberfeldy again. Pitlochry needs to hold on to young families and their children to keep the town at a good balance of ages and also to have a work force. The bus journey to school in Aberfeldy was horrendous in 1964/65. Just as bad in the nineties and I am sure just as bad now, especially in the winter.
521. If the opportunity is this to grow the school and invest to incorporate s5&s6 then this should be done as a part of saving the school.
522. The school would attract more pupils and teaching staff if extended to include 5th and 6th year.
523. Adding s5 and s6 at Pitlochry high school will be extremely beneficial for children entering into s5 and s6 it will cut down there travel 10 fold and will allow them to have a smooth flowing educational journey. A transition into another school is horrendous for this age group and should not happen. An s5 and an s6 in Pitlochry would prevent this.
524. Now this is very sensible, it's hard for pupils to interstate when they have to move to Breadalbane, makes more sense to extend the school to S5 and S6
525. This is exactly what is needed. Will reinvigorate school and community, deal with current problems of transition and people going to Breadalbane early as will go for Highers anyway, and will make it a far more desirable school to attend, work in, and draw people to the town. It's what Pitlochry needs and deserves, and is by far an away the best option - indeed perhaps the only viable one long-term.
526. This is clearly the best option. My XXXXX would love to stay on at Pitlochry and not have to move over to Breadalbane. It's unsettling for our children. I have another XXXXX children. One of whom is just going to and very much looking forward to starting PHS in August. This is the one to go for please.
527. Obviously the best choice for the school and the community as saves children from Long bus journeys. We live north of Blair Atholl and my oldest XXXXX travels for an hour on the bus each way to Aberfeldy.
528. This option would be inadequate without the addition of better facilities, enhanced subject choice and all efforts made to invest in our school by PKC. Our children should have, in their community, the same opportunities as those in others communities all over Perth and Kinross. It is disappointing that this survey questionnaire was compiled omitting the suggestion of enhancing our children's learning experiences with the same opportunities afforded to others. Schooling more children here with s5 and s6 alone, does not address the fact that facilities are lacking and the suitability of what is offered at Pitlochry High School is inferior to that which others have access to.
529. Good. It will attract families to the area. Good for children to have a consistent education experience. Less travel....better for them and the environment
530. Anything just to keep it open.
531. This is the obvious choice. 5th & 6th year will make the school sustainable. Building should always be getting improved.
532. Unsure there are enough pupils for this, however, knowing former pupils who went over to Breadalbane in s5 it would improve their school experience to remain in Pitlochry.
533. This is the way forward and will ensure continuity for those children going into yr. 5/6 at such a key stage in their academic and emotional de.
534. I am in favour of this option. This option means no travel to Breadalbane, pupils get tired travelling and means they have reduced time for out of school activities and learning, this therefore limits their opportunities. Pitlochry as a town would not be attractive to families if there is not a decent secondary school, indeed some may leave, leaving the town dominated by an ever increasing elderly population.

535. This would encourage more pupils to stay in education.
536. This option would improve the education provision for children attending Pitlochry as it provides an uninterrupted and stable learning environment for those children wishing to learn through to S6. Pitlochry is only one of two secondary schools in Scotland that does not have a S5 & S6 school role. There are innovative and cost effective ways to share the syllabus with neighbouring schools. For example, I understand the high schools of Perth have an initiative, the Perth City Campus, which does just this. I am sure a variation of this could be adopted to ensure an enhanced teaching syllabus is delivered to both Pitlochry and Breadalbane high schools.
537. This could provide benefits if further investments are made in educational facilities to support an extended curriculum for older pupils and provide opportunity. This could be achieved through improved technology and more innovative approaches to learning opportunity. Extension to S6 also provides a more stable environment for pupils who are in a critical phase of their development
538. This is the best option for the existing school catchment area - better facilities and the ability for pupils to complete their secondary education in the one place. I understand that Pitlochry pupils are made to feel outsiders when they S5 in Breadalbane - not just by the pupils, but also by the staff
539. This would be the most favourable option for the community in general. This would lead to an increase in school pupil numbers across all ages as school leavers are likely to be more inclined to stay, and start a family, in the area once they leave school resulting in a diversification in the local economy to accommodate for a younger adult populace. This diversification ensures that the region is more resistant to external pressures such as fluctuations in tourist numbers due to adverse weather conditions or political influences. An increase in the younger population in the area is to be encouraged by the council as these are the people that can work in the local community hospital as well as being those that are least likely to be a drain on health care resources. As the economy of the area grows so too will school enrolment. The only way this is possible is for the council to select this option, investing in the school now is an investment in the future of the community.
540. Second best option.
541. Increasing the extra years will have a huge impact on the establishment of the school and avoids the risk of horrendous travel to Breadalbane. Not a safe option or one that has any environment benefit.
542. This would be the best option and may encourage more kids to stay for S5 & S6 as they wouldn't move to a new school.
543. Include S5 & S6 would be a sensible addition to improving the condition rating of the school. It also has the added benefit of reducing travel for S5 & S6 and allows their secondary schooling to be completed in the local community of Pitlochry.
544. To save transport costs. To enable students to have easier, shorter, quicker journeys to school.
545. As for 1 but more so, removing the requirement of additional travel time and subsequent stress on the pupils involved with S5 & S6.
546. a) This should greatly enhance the attraction of Pitlochry are to incoming young families. Families do not want to live in an area where their children have long bus journeys, in all weathers, to secondary school. Pitlochry High School should have had S5 & S6 years ago. b) Every community, but especially a semi-rural.
547. Desirable - good for school and teachers/ learners as school will be able to plan/ implement their whole education. Stronger asset for the community. Also a strong commitment from local authority to Pitlochry that rural communities matter.
548. Yes, this would be good.
549. Very good idea. Pitlochry would love to have S5 & S6 in their hometown. No ghastly bus journey, no sense of alienation. No change at a very bad time.

550. Pupils find the move in S4 upsetting. The long bus journey on winding roads is tiring and some feel travel sick. Much better to study here in Pitlochry, perhaps an option to study less popular subjects at another school.
551. This is a viable option for the survivability of the school. This would also give the school more diversity for subjects.
552. This is also essential. Children should not have to travel hours/ day to & from school & miss out on after school activities & social development time. It is a terrible time in S4 to move children from, school to another.
553. Is there enough pupils for this? Will help increase & sustain the community. May improve school roll.
554. This is my preferred option and even consider increasing the catchment but needs to be done with new house building fast!!
555. Great idea.
556. Would help attract and retain people staying in the town.
557. Families more likely to move to the area if there's a full educational facility available.
558. Great idea.
559. This would work because people won't just leave Pitlochry at primary 7. They will stay at Pitlochry.
560. The school needs to widen catchment area.
561. As above. Pitlochry would be the central campus hub.
562. Would reduce travelling for pupils.
563. Definitely needs to have S5&6 at this school.
564. Ideally, option 2 and option 3 combined: PHS already gets very good results at N5. It would probably do the same at higher. Children from the like of Kirkmichael (and maybe Dunkeld) etc. could be added to the catchment of PHS.
565. If increase the occupancy level does not affect pupil/ teacher ratios then that will be good, but as soon as you start increasing the number of pupils without teacher increase you'll be in a far worse place. Keeping the pupils in Pitlochry will be better particularly for some as transition at the S5/S6 stage with hormonal changes and exam pressure can be problematic.
566. This would be the ideal option. Our pupils are not welcomed at Breadalbane, with no relationship with the teachers etc. My XXXXX lasted 6 weeks when XXXXX had to move having a huge impact on his future education. The benefit to our pupils would be so advantageous to their education at a crucial point in time.
567. This will increase not only the numbers on the role but will give greater diversity re age and ability of pupils. It would improve opportunities for children to develop their sense of responsibility by creating situations where older pupils can mentor young ones.
568. Second best option to new purpose built school and community facility.
569. This would be the preferred option allowing the children to have a well maintained learning environment, a school they can be proud of and prevent children having to travel to Breadalbane. The impact to the environment large buses travelling to Aberfeldy must be considered. Also the impact on children being fresh for learning after having travelled a greater distance.
570. This option best for all pupils and it would also give smooth transition from S1 to S6. It would entail less travel for rural pupils and the stress that can often cause. At a time when for some teenagers mental pressures seem to be a great concern over the country, all would be able to have more security of feeling, more comfort of familiar people around them.
571. As a resident, I want Pitlochry to continue to be an attractive town to live in. One of the things that sets it apart from other rural towns is its diversity. It is really great to have visitors, tourism is essential! We need to do everything to keep our students within our community. The lifespan of this 70's building is coming to an end? Why spend more, when what we need is a purpose built facility, to provide better education & community involvement for the whole community.

572. Yes this makes sense. Currently pupils in S5 & S6 have a coach journey of over 3/4 hour in each direction to /from Aberfeldy.
573. Would need massively improved school and teaching staff numbers and quality.
574. Best but depends on what "Improve" means - should include and be part of general improvement of community facilities such as a swimming pool, sports campus - could be used by tourism sector as well.
575. Given the changes in education a 'split' at stage 4 doesn't make sense anymore - to incorporating 5 & 6 would help and full secondary education would add to the area 'in attractiveness.'
576. The preferred option & perhaps extend catchment area i.e. Kirkmichael. Affordable housing policy needed as well so families encourages to come and live in Pitlochry.
577. This would be better still, and would address the issue of under occupancy. Beneficial for older children who would no longer require to travel to Breadalbane.
578. There are some arguments for this but my 2 children enjoyed the move ready for a change & my youngest is looking forward to the move next year.
579. Wonderful idea! I have always said this should be done. I went to PHS 25 years ago and the impact as a 15 year old moving to Breadalbane was appalling and dreadful. The PHS pupils always felt segregated, grades dropped drastically. My friend was head girl in PHS and ended up dropping out of Breadalbane due to the attitude and feelings we all endured. Please care for the pupils you have, let them stay in the same school and be confident to thrive.
580. Also a good option as from experience the kids don't want to leave, which would give them a whole school career with the stability they deserve. See option 1 too.
581. Favoured option.
582. Good idea.
583. That would be wonderful.
584. Positive impact and it might encourage more families to the area.
585. Would not increase occupancy level as decline in recent years I feel is due to wider curriculum in Breadalbane and GIRFEC.
586. Yes. Use of IT is likely to increase so that subject choice can be extended.
587. I have has experience of 2 of my children travelling to Aberfeldy for 5th & 6th year. They did not enjoy Aberfeldy. Wrong time is school education & move them at this critical time. Teachers don't know the children or vice versa. Shorter day so kids don't have to travel. Encourage more people to move to Pitlochry if school has S5 & S6 included. Continuity of education.
588. This is my favoured option. It makes sense to keep everyone at the same school for their entire school education. Moving S5 & S6 to a school 15 miles away for most & well over 20 miles for others causes problems. When these pupils change schools at this stage in their education, they have been happily comfortable in their surroundings. On moving, apart from problems with travel sickness & bad behaviour on unsupervised buses, these pupils are then the underdogs at another school. They have to adjust to leaning new school layout & breaking into already established peer groups.
589. Adding S5 & S6 would increase the occupancy rate making the school more viable financially. Adding online & skype tuition/ webinars would increase the subject range, enabling the school to provide a wide curriculum & even be a leader in the field in rural education. It would avoid the dreadful travel our current S5 & 6 have had to endure.
590. Extending provision to S5 and S6 would enhance the educational opportunities for children in the Pitlochry catchment. The removal of the necessity to travel to Breadalbane Academy for S5 and S6 is likely to result in greater retention of pupils into later stages of education and help them to achieve better results. Extensive travel times to school will have a negative impact on the mental and physical wellbeing of pupils as journeys take their toll and remove opportunities to engage in extra-curricular activities. There is also likely to be a negative impact on educational attainment. Thus, by removing the need to travel extensively at S5 and S6, this option is likely to provide educational benefits.

591. It is obvious that an increase in the size of the school to include S5 and S6 is what the community would like to see as the outcome from the PKC school estates review. Furthermore, there are many reasons why this will have educational benefits. Research shows that long journeys to school have a negative impact on the mental and physical wellbeing of pupils, with a subsequent impact on their educational performance and health. It may also reduce the persistence of young people with the education system and result in leaving school without fulfilling their potential. As such, by offering a chance for Pitlochry pupils to reduce their travelling time to school and be educated locally at Pitlochry High School, PKC would improve educational opportunities to these pupils. Furthermore, by cementing the school's future, it would benefit the community by strengthening the desirability of the town as a place to live and work.
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4) Option 3: Improve condition rating of school and extend catchment area to increase occupancy level.

Comments

1. May help situation for now but not the best solution.
2. Swimming pool would be well used by all of the community as part of improvements.
3. Yes this would be acceptable.
4. Yes improve school (ideally build new one) and extend years and catchment area best option.
5. Children deserve surroundings which encourage learning. Improve our local school. Increase the population by increasing the catchment area.
6. It is a possibility but would much prefer a community based school.
7. Possible but see option 6!
8. Extend catchment area so children can be even more a part of the community.
9. Good idea.
10. Increase catchment to include Dunkeld? Easier journey Dunkeld > Pitlochry than Dunkeld to Aberfeldy! (additional comment: I agree)
11. Children of Kirkmichael deserve a good school within reach.
12. Do you have any info on how many babies there are in the community?
13. Improve condition of school – certainly. Extending the catchment area will slightly increase school roll but unless school secondary estate is secured, it will not encourage more families to settle permanently in/ near Pitlochry.
14. Option 3 is probably the most realistic. There are large numbers in the nursery which is oversubscribed. What happens to them?
15. Setup transport so that pupils and parents can choose which school. Let that decide options and catchment.
16. Condition rating should definitely be maintained – increasing catchment area would help maintain numbers and e.g. Kirkmichael pupils would have a shorter journey to school if they attended PHS rather than Blairgowrie.
17. We're taking a step in the right direction here. Why is Dunkeld to Aberfeldy done when Dunkeld to Pitlochry is a safer quicker option?
18. Yes! Improve condition rating of school, include S5 & S6, extend the catchment area. Why? Some S5 & S6 are put off from travelling an hour just to go to school. If they have after school activity, they will be home very late. If S5 & S6 will be included, school occupancy will improve.
19. Possible as short-term solution but option 2 would be a long-term solution and ultimately better.
20. Family in Kirkmichael and my XXXXX wants XXXXX children to come to Pitlochry instead of Blairgowrie. Exam results better in Pitlochry. Extending catchment is a great idea in increasing school roll.
21. I agree with the suggestion.
22. Improving is good but do the catchment area. Want to come to Pitlochry.
23. Yes – include. Perth overcrowded schools too.
24. Will catchment be based on travel time to school by public transport?
25. (Pupil impact) Good – increase occupancy, bigger pool of peers. (Community impact) Increase depth and breadth of Pitlochry community – so important in this day and age.
26. Increase catchment a good idea – No appropriate transport provided.
27. Desirable including S5/6. Include Grandtully?
28. Option 3 is sensible but can only be implemented in combination with expansion to include S5 & S6/ Parent from Kirkmichael etc. will only choose to send their children here if PHS goes up to S6. If it doesn't include S5 & S6, the expansion of catchment will have no effect.
29. This would be a very good idea, if it included S5 & S6.

30. Option 3 of extending the catchment area is desirable to increase occupancy with provision for S5 & S6.
31. Consider Dunkeld catchment (to Breadalbane) coming to Pitlochry instead. More cultural ties and affinity of community on A9. Needs S5&6 to make attractive and sustainable.
32. Catchment to include more areas i.e. Dunkeld/ Kirkmichael would improve occupancy, but it would need combined with opt.2 so they would be able to continue their education up to S5 & S6 with continuity.
33. Combine options 2&3. Retain S5 & S6 pupils within Pitlochry community. Avoid very disruptive travel to Breadalbane. Avoid difficulty of S5/ S6 pupils integrating into new school community at this teenage stage.
34. Undoubtedly a good option if those in the extended catchment area are happy to change school – they may not be!!
35. Increasing occupancy level is to be necessary to achieve a larger and more vibrant secondary this impacts on S5/6 inclusion.
36. How would this affect the communities in the enlarged catchment area?
37. Increasing the catchment area to get to a level to enable 60%+.
38. No way. Kids should be using PHS buildings a school. Children of 11yrs should not need to travel on unsuitable buses in winter on A, B-class road.
39. Could walk on if P5.P6 was still in Pitlochry.
40. Allowing the condition of Pitlochry the building to deteriorate only furthers costs of maintenance into future years and usually makes these costs increase. It is imperative that the condition of the school is maintained in all options.
41. Option 3 will result in higher occupancy. However, many parents may still prefer to send children to Aberfeldy, as then transition from PHS to Breadalbane not needed at higher age, where some children would drop out.
42. Option 3 could well improve occupancy levels by extending catchment area but would be to the detriment of other rural primaries and to the wellbeing of the younger children forced to travel further to attend school, result in exclusion from the local community as they would have no contact with it, exclude them from extra-curricular activities as they would have to be on the bus in time and would spend precious social and study time needlessly travelling. Our children deserve our school to be in excellent condition and our community deserves to have our children educated within it. Improving our school building would enable it to become a hub for learning for the whole community.
43. One of preferred option (3) but also have concerns about potential impact on smaller school which therefore reduces people future choices on what size of school they put their children too.
44. This seems to be quite a good option to keep the school open, but at a cost to the outlying areas where more travelling is inevitable. Especially from the remote rural areas.
45. Schools should be constantly kept up to the top condition rating and not left to deteriorate. Extending catchment areas would help pupil's numbers but from an educational point of view smaller classes get better results.
46. As 1 and in 2. No. This would simply spell the definite closure of L.P.S.
47. This is an incomplete option. Bring in S5 & S6. Make the campus options better (option 6).
48. Another attractive option from a purely Pitlochry viewpoint but might be unpopular with parent who would be impacted upon due to increased travelling.
49. The condition of building is only one measure. Future costs/ energy efficiency/ are just as important. Should be given that buildings are maintained. Extend catchment area/ or reduce size of buildings, both increase occupancy.
50. Increasing catchment also requires facilities pupils will look for – good PT/ Sports/ - bringing leisure centre as part of school campus. Good library facilities etc. etc.
51. Some families in Kirkmichael with to use Pitlochry school. Some families around Logierait may prefer Pitlochry as an easy commute down A9.
52. A logical move if the facilities are upgraded at Pitlochry.

53. This would be helpful for occupancy. It wouldn't totally fix the issues though because you'd still have some kids leaving because of the incomplete ages – no S5&6.
54. Yes increase catchment if possible. But this requires parents of these areas consulted at this stage. In past many parents from Kirkmichael have sent their children to Pitlochry, but transport always made this difficult.
55. Is a consideration. I know of parents in Kirkmichael happy to send their children here.
56. This would be good but think pupils would only come here if facilities were improved.
57. Good option but depend how far children would have to travel. Weather plays a big part in rural areas.
58. Would only work if S5 & S6 were included.
59. Possible – but extra transporting for pupils would need to be considered – also would that mean the death knell for smaller schools!
60. A catchment area would be great – making a thriving school and giving our senior pupils a reason to be proud of this school so important – going to Breadalbane is so off-putting.
61. A positive and logical thing to do. The nursery seems to be busy so surely all of these children are likely to progress up through the school? Encourage children from further away to want to come to PHS. It seems crazy keeping the smaller schools open. I went to Killiecrankie School many, many years ago and left because you had no incentive to do well, you got taught with children from P1-7 all in same class, not good for social aspect of development. I believe only 1 pupil started P1 at Logierait this year, surely keeping this school open is less viable than closing PHS?
62. Good idea – only if combined with option 2.
63. Combine options 1, 2 & 3.
64. Yes this is a good idea, more pupils attending as what is needed so the school gets larger – Kinloch Rannoch; Blair Athol pupils join in secondary anyway > might as well from Primary; nearer to Dunkeld.
65. Needs to be in conjunction with option 2. Option 6 is the better option. Both of these: condition; catchment. Need attention anyway. Still not as viable as option 6.
66. At the moment XX between Dunkeld have option of Perth or Aberfeldy – but Pitlochry is nearer it has train connection. Could Rannoch and Kirkmichael have this option too?
67. Improved conditions is a must, but surely if you are going to expand the catchment area then you should introduce S5 & S6 too, so less pupils have to travel further. Distance can have such an impact on school work and enjoyment of school. Going from Pitlochry to Aberfeldy has caused me to be too tired to do homework after school and sucked all my joy out of learning which has never been a problem while at Pitlochry.
68. This is much like option 6 and by improving the condition rating would encourage pupils to come here. I think the school should also look at specialism in Arts – theatre.
69. Dualling of A9 will have a positive impact and open up possibilities for Kinloch Rannoch to Dunkeld. Kirkmichael often “looks” to Pitlochry rather than Blairgowrie for reasons good exams – not just education.
70. A combination of option 3 and option 2 is the second best option to option 6.
71. Add this to option 2. Option 3: Extend catchment area for the secondary, to include East (?) sections towards Blairgowrie/ West towards Kinloch Rannoch/ South to include Dunkeld/ North to has with good practice.
72. Add option 6 to 2 & 3.
73. Yes. I think this is a great idea. Pitlochry High School should become a campus like Aberfeldy + offer the local + rural communities the same education + activities Aberfeldy are getting.
74. I think extending the catchment area would be a good option along with having S5 + S6 in Pitlochry School. It's a farce for S5 + S6 to go to Aberfeldy when there used to and already attend Pitlochry.
75. Certainly needs condition rating to improve and investment put into the building and what it can offer. Yes, possibly extend catchment but as long as not being detrimental to other secondary's.
76. Good option to bring the school up to better condition & possibly extend the catchment.

77. Yes. Depends heavily on housing to attract families NOT second homes. Families will move to obtain good education for their children.
78. If increase occupancy from elsewhere – would deplete that area ‘robbing Peter to pay Paul’.
79. I would like option 3 to be considered. This would be the best option for the children.
80. I think this is a good option. If the school condition rating was improved, it would encourage more families to move to the area.
81. I feel this would happen alongside option 2 to maximise on the investment. Effectively creating a second campus.
82. Good option. Make school bigger and better. Invest in Pitlochry School.
83. This can only be a good thing. Money invested in the infrastructure of the school would help attract staff.
84. Seems a very good idea – if feasible to extend catchment area.
85. Compare the negative impact of a reduced roll on Pitlochry which serves as a school, whereas Breadalbane will continue to serve the community as a community campus.
86. Yes it would give rural families a rural school experience.
87. This is a very good idea and long overdue.
88. Extending the catchment area or at least looking at this seems sensible. It is difficult to strike a balance as obviously this would impact on other schools.
89. Detrimental to other schools and communities.
90. The condition of the school needs to be improved for all pupils. Best educational experience means providing the best facilities we can.
91. Many Kirkmichael parents and children would far rather be in catchment for Pitlochry than Blairgowrie.
92. Improving the condition of the school is paramount to its continued success. Extending the catchment could lead to higher occupancy but a balance would need to be worked out in order to not move the problem of lower occupancy to another school.
93. Good idea, but should also include adding S5/S6 to attract pupils.
94. Dunkeld, Kinloch Rannoch and Kirkmichael Primaries are all closer than their associated current high schools – and the roads to Pitlochry are wider and safer too.
95. Community Campus long overdue – this discussion should have taken place during the Breadalbane Community Campus consultation – only 15 years too late.
96. Overdue investment in the building and facilities.
97. Good idea if school could also include S5 & 6 in this option.
98. Condition of the school needs improved regardless of occupancy level – name a primary school who has worse facilities than our secondary at the moment?
99. Good idea. Community Campus?
100. Yes – definitely a good option. Some pupils on our doorstep are travelling nearly an hour to get to Blairgowrie HS when they could be coming here. Investment in school condition would make this a really attractive option (as would making it S1-S6!).
101. Yes. Good idea to include Kirkmichael, Grandtully and include S5 & S6 to retain school roll and support pupils better.
102. I suggest that Kirkmichael comes to Pitlochry because I have lots of friends there and it will give Pitlochry more pupils.
103. I’m not quite sure it would be a good idea to extend the school because I just want to keep the school the exact same as normal.
104. I’m not quite sure it would be a good idea to extend the school because I just want to keep the school the exact same as normal.
105. It’s an ok idea but not my choice.
106. Yes! Improve the school and extend the catchment area, so the numbers for secondary go up and it can’t close so more join!
107. I think this is an ok idea because we’d have more pupils but sometimes it might get too busy. It would have an ok impact on me but it might get too busy.
108. I think it would be good because more people will be able to come here.
109. I do not know what my thought is on this one?

110. This option I am not sure about I disagree to this option though. I think this would affect me in a way.
111. Yes, more friends.
112. It would affect me again because it would be busier but I would meet other people that could be my friends.
113. I would like the condition & catchment area to grow to raise money for the school.
114. Yes, I really want more pupils at this school because we could make more friends and will have more ideas. I want Grandtully and Dunkeld to join because it could help the facilities.
115. I agree with both but what schools are coming.
116. I would like extend the catchment make the high school bigger.
117. The secondary is quite small and maybe they could make it bigger and bigger classrooms.
118. This would be good but it would mean S5 and 6 would be a lot of bus journeys. I would like to see this but also have S5 and S6 as well as the catchment area.
119. I think this would affect me because it will bring more people to the school.
120. I think improving the catchment will be good.
121. The other schools might not be able to come here because there might not be enough space for them to come here.
122. I think they should do it because there would be more people in the school.
123. I think that might make the school too crowded.
124. This will affect me because it will be more crowded to keep the school up.
125. I think that I will make new friends if more people are welcomed to secondary.
126. I like it because there will be more studying and it will be fun for new people.
127. I think we get better results because we have smaller classes so we get more help from teachers.
128. It's a good idea but I would not have it.
129. I wouldn't mind if it was improve it would be fun to make more friends but I like it the way it is.
130. I think it would be really good if we increased the catchment so that we would get more people to come to our school.
131. Yes because then we will have more people then we could add a campus.
132. I think we should improvement the school to bring Breadalbane to Pitlochry for length wise.
133. I think this will add much more pupils but then it might be crowded and harder to work.
134. This will affect me because I can make new friends with other people as they will join the school. It will help because I can stay happy with my new friends.
135. I think it will good because it will get more people education.
136. I think it would be good as it would raise the amount of pupils.
137. To bring smaller school to Pitlochry.
138. Because it would not be that much travelling for everyone.
139. It would be cool because it would be less travelling.
140. I think you should expand the area of Pitlochry High School.
141. I don't want more schools to come because there might not be enough space in the diney for all of us and it is crowded already.
142. I don't like that idea because it will make the school really crowded and people will have to travel further and you might not be enough room for other schools.
143. Very good idea, but not the best. This is because you would still have to go on a long bus journey every day.
144. Again Pitlochry High School might not have room for everyone.
145. I don't really mind I like it how it is.
146. It be good if we had more people.
147. That would be ok.
148. I don't think this is a good idea because there aren't many people in Dunkeld School etc. and personally I don't think this option won't build up the population.

149. I think this is a good idea. Logierait and Grandtully come to Pitlochry Primary.
150. It's a good idea.
151. I think it is a good idea.
152. Good idea. Have Logierait, Grandtully, Royal School of Dunkeld, Kirkmichael + Blair Atholl.
153. Good idea. Grandtully, Royal School of Dunkeld, Kirkmichael, Blair Atholl.
154. I think it would be a good idea.
155. Almost the same as option 2 but this one's worse. You want to add an extra 3 to 4 town's worth of pupils the schools too small! Build on the extra ground I mentioned in option 2 and expand the car park.
156. Others joining the school would be useless because what happens if there is a small school in Glasgow and Edinburgh and have to move here there is going to be a lot of money spent on train tickets and this effect health waking up early to go to school and back.
157. This may cause need for more equipment. I don't really like this one.
158. I like this option because it will increase the numbers of our school.
159. Yes, that would be good for the population levels.
160. We would still have to travel.
161. The other schools would lose pupils.
162. I would like.
163. I think improving the catchment area it would bring more people to the school and there would so much people that a S5 and S6 would have to be made.
164. Yes because then the school will be kept open.
165. Ok
166. ☺
167. Yes, this is a good idea because our school needs more pupils from other primary schools and secondary schools.
168. No because I dislike having to many people in 1 class.
169. No thank you.
170. I prefer having 12 or more person class.
171. More people. Combine option 2+3.
172. I would not like that idea because I wouldn't like the idea of having a big class of 30 pupils.
173. There would be too many people for a small school.
174. I prefer having small classes with 10-15 pupils.
175. I would prefer the 12 in our class for the better education. If that was to happen the diney would need to be expanded so we can walk a bit more freely.
176. It's a good idea but transport could be a problem but I'm in with it best option in my mind.
177. I don't think it's a good idea because it will just feel like 2 separate schools at first because none of us really know each other that well.
178. It would be alright.
179. Good – it will make it better.
180. Yes because it would feel better (only in specific places).
181. I think this might make the school lots busier and you also might not get as much attention in class.
182. And S5 + S6.
183. A good idea but I prefer the other ones more.
184. Naw.
185. Improve better facilities.
186. Impact of this would be ok since we get repairs we expand the reach of the school to others.
187. Not a bad idea. Please don't invite Perth neds if you somehow end up doing that. Please supply all pupils with a stab proof vest.
188. I think this is an alright idea especially the catchment area part but I want S5 + S6 here.

189. Why do Dunkeld got to Breadalbane when Pitlochry is closer? That would help fix numbers.
190. As I expressed in option 2, the condition rate could be improved but the occupancy rates should also be increased. I'm not sure that this option will be effective but I would rather try any option besides moving to Breadalbane.
191. Apart from the building it wouldn't really affect me too much.
192. I don't think this would be the best idea.
193. This would be beneficial.
194. This is a good idea.
195. It's a good option but not the best one.
196. Good idea but not the best.
197. This is still a pretty good idea, because we would get lots more people here, which would be really good, but you have to consider how difficult it would be for some people further away to get a bus.
198. More kids, close smaller schools, more class opportunities.
199. Get more kids, close smaller schools, more class opportunities.
200. Good because it would bring more pupils to Pitlochry, this would get teachers to stay.
201. Good option as attracts teachers and pupils. It makes the school bigger. Less travelling for people. Makes life easier for parents.
202. Good option but most pupils from places like Blair Atholl and Ballinluig already come here.
203. This would be positive but only in conjunction with option 2.
204. This means less kids go to other schools, affects other negatively.
205. Don't see the point.
206. Basically no difference.
207. Smart idea but not many houses near Pitlochry for sale. Alright. Deals with occupancy. 7/10
208. Not a good idea, utterly useless and would not work as it only gets more people.
209. This means more pupils in school so occupancy would go up.
210. This is alright and would be good to bring more attention to Pitlochry.
211. Bad idea, very silly.
212. This could be a bad idea as the small class sizes in Pitlochry gives pupils more one to one's with the teachers.
213. Updating the school would provide us with greater facilities but widening the catchment area would change the perspective of Pitlochry being a more rural school.
214. Yes because I've had a really good time at Pitlochry it's an amazing school and it should be open for other people.
215. Yes make it better.
216. More promise for the school to stay open. Good to improve the condition.
217. This is fine too. To be quite honest I don't care just keep the primary and secondary open!! The teachers at Pitlochry are fabby!
218. Good option.
219. I would dislike this as the school building is small.
220. Option 3 is not good idea as the classes would be too big to teach.
221. This is also a good idea because the pupils including me love making new friends.
222. Nothing.
223. Yes, this would be good as it means there might be more people to socialise with.
224. Yes, this would be good as more kids can socialise with others.
225. Good option but the top one is better (option2). It may not get enough pupils to attend.
226. Good because means more people.
227. This is a good idea.
228. I think it would be good so we get some more people.
229. This would be a very good approach in moving forward. I think the Scottish Government will be happy with this as it will cost the least.
230. It would help bring more people but lots of travel & more people means bigger classes.

231. Don't think it would increase occupancy level.
232. It may decrease the quality of education mainly in secondary S4 as it would mean less time if teachers needs not getting the year pupils. It might increase the amount of people putting us out of the danger zone.
233. Would fix numbers. Why don't Dunkeld people go to Pitlochry instead of Breadalbane.
234. Preferred option as school conditions need improving and extending the catchment area is a good idea.
235. Sounds great! The current building is outdated, much like some other schools in the area. Extending catchment would surely increase occupancy and solve the issue of other schools in the vicinity (such as Blairgowrie) which also lack in pupil numbers.
236. The school building needs repaired but extending the catchment area wouldn't really increase occupancy because most pupils already come from Blair Atholl and other areas.
237. Greater amount of pupils. What would be the point of moving to one school for 4 years and then having to move again. Towns like Dunkeld could get to school more easy.
238. Would work, would mean there would be more course options as there would be more people.
239. This would possibly help to increase the amount of functionality in the aspect of increased population in the school.
240. Would be suitable as a better conditioned school will appear. Catchment area is small as it is, but too large an area means travelling which is disruptive.
241. I think that increasing the catchment area would benefit PHS as it would increase occupancy. It is easier to travel to Pitlochry than Breadalbane, especially when the duelling of the A9 will be complete.
242. Good idea but Pitlochry is too small.
243. I think this would be good however it may be hard to greatly improve the occupancy level. I'm from XXXXX Primary and found it much easier to adjust to a new school in S1 as I dint have to worry about exams and instead could focus on adjusting.
244. Think this is necessary as plenty of other schools with a wide catchment area is available to pupils, I believe schools like Breadalbane should have the access to provide a larger capacity of pupils.
245. Extending catchment area could just mean more time to travel when they could be a nearer school closer which could bring the other school numbers down.
246. Gets more people in so it doesn't close.
247. More people would want to go to Pitlochry.
248. I think this could reduce the amount of time each pupil gets with a teacher in a subject, which may decrease the learning of a pupil.
249. Sensible approach. Addresses both the condition and occupancy issues. Can this not be combined with Option 2, as that would seem the most pragmatic solution? The current catchment area boundaries for the High Schools in question seem inappropriate and need to be reassessed. For example, a quick look at the routes would suggest significant time savings would be had for pupils living in Kirkmichael to attend Pitlochry High School rather than Blairgowrie High School.
250. Even more brilliant again. Our pupils would benefit from a bigger social pool and enjoy improved conditions which in turn will result in a nurtured, confidence building and strong identity and connection to their home and its heritage.
251. Extending the catchment would enable more children to attend Pitlochry High for their entire school life therefore building a family and supporting learning.
252. It isn't clear what the impact of this would be for other schools in P&K though it would seem to be positive for Pitlochry High School. Much would be as above.
253. Yes school needs improved ideally rebuilt.
254. Improve pride in school and also encourage new faces into the town, which has a knock on effect in terms of generating business.
255. Minimal impact and detrimental to other local areas, could cause friction.
256. Best option. To allow more choice for parents and to keep young families in Pitlochry.

257. Agree - see comment at 2 above.
258. The choice for families currently living in the Kirkmichael area to choose between either Pitlochry High School or Blairgowrie is desirable. Many parents already commute to Pitlochry for work and again this has the potential to increase the economy of the town.
259. That could help when option 2 won't be possible.
260. Extending the catchment area, not only gives you increased occupancy level but pupils could be at the same school and secondary without having to do primary in one school and secondary in another.
261. Same as no 1 & 2.
262. The school needs lots of work done to it and if extending the catchment area helps to secure funding for the improvements then that's fine.
263. Great idea.
264. If required for numbers I don't see a problem with this, although children should not be forced to travel further than they need to (I.e. should not be zoned for Pitlochry if there is a closer school)
265. Don't see why catchment area cannot be extended.
266. Option 2 could also see the catchment area opened up to include Kirkmichael & neighbouring villages, and Tummel Bridge etc. Villages that only travel to Blairgowrie or Breadalbane for straight through education and not because it is closer. I truly believe this is the solution for Highland Perthshire's education provision. Pitlochry is also so central to the region, this should always have been the solution!
267. Again condition 100% needs improving and extending the catchment area can only be if it the school and the community.
268. Helps with numbers. Again what's the plan for improvement.
269. Extending catchment area is unlikely to attract more pupils unless the school can offer up to S6.
270. An increased catchment area would be good to allow more variety on the curriculum.
271. Would be good, see above, but hen other pupils would have the negative impact of travel
272. The condition rating of the school should certainly be improved. If one of the main issues is falling pupil numbers this seems like a sensible option but I feel allowing S5/S6 pupils to stay on will help with this.
273. Good. One of the only acceptable options.
274. Again would have little effect on community.
275. Another good option, which would be enhanced by adding S5 & S6. Attracting more families to the area, increasing the diversity of the school and enabling pupils to benefit from improved facilities.
276. Depends how many the school would cater for and as long as locals get first choices I don't see this being an issue.
277. Lots of bussing and travel for the children in the winter months can be a nightmare, however if numbers need to be increased, then that's the way to go.
278. Best option. All the benefits of option 2 but with an improved sustainability.
279. Definitely extend catchment.
280. This would be good but may involve others from far away having the same problem as we had for Aberfeldy.
281. Good idea.
282. If this means more money for the budget in the school then this could be an option.
283. See proposed option 6.
284. This is a good option but it is doubtful that the pupil numbers would increase enough to solve the problem PKC have with roll numbers and may have knock on effects on other schools and thereby helping the Pitlochry situation while being to the detriment of other schools.
285. Yes to boost school numbers.
286. Allows for the school to stay open without being a drain on council funds.
287. This would seem a good option. As well as increasing occupancy levels it could be used to reduce travel times for pupils.

288. No opinion, that should be for the parents in the outlying areas to comment on the impact to them
289. A good idea, to increase occupancy. We already receive pupils from Kinloch Rannoch and Kirkmichael.
290. More pupils and less pressure on other schools.
291. This is a reasonable option but it seems like a missed opportunity.
292. This is a valid option.
293. Again agreed this would be a positive move for our village.
294. Less travelling for pupils in outlying areas.
295. This needs to be an option in conjunction with option 2. As a standalone option it will not be enough.
296. Making catchment area larger then impacts on other schools and pupils. To include Kinloch Rannoch and/Kirkmichael makes much younger pupils have an even longer day. Don't think this is very fair for them.
297. Fine, if increasing catchment doesn't result in children from other outlying areas travelling excessively long distances.
298. An interesting option however impact on other catchments needs consideration.
299. How far could the catchment be extended to? Breadalbane catches from Rannoch over to Amulree on the Crieff road, down to Dunkeld and Birnam. For those in Dunkeld in Birnam, it would be easier to come to Pitlochry than Breadalbane. The catchment could potentially be extended over Moulin moor towards Blairgowrie, however, there are clearly reasons as to why this has never been done in the past (for example, the weather in winter crossing the moor could cause attendance issues).
300. Give others an option to attend a good school. Opens choices to families as to which school is right for them.
301. Again as I don't have kids at the school, I don't really know what the catchment area is are or where it could be extended. But I assume it might have an impact on Aberfeldy? If S5 and S6 were included into Pitlochry would that be enough to increase occupancy?
302. I think this should be included with the 5/6th year option as lots of parents would not send their children to the school they have to attend for 5/6th year if they had the choice.
303. Positive for Pitlochry town. Impact of widening the catchment dependent on the time distance children would have to travel. All efforts should be made to minimize a child's journey time to school.
304. Need to be careful increasing catchment as this sounds like small schools will close, rural economy's and towns are just as important to Scotland as bigger ones.
305. Still better than closure and busing kids so far.
306. Only works if enough children are available in the extended catchment areas.
307. This would give parents and pupils further south of Pitlochry the choice if they are between schools with a good chance of increasing the occupancy level.
308. The catchment is already large with geographically not sure how this would benefit..... Unless you allow 5 and 6 year to be more fluid so Breadalbane pupils can come to Pitlochry for certain subjects.
309. I would like to see the done in conjunction with the introduction of S5 & S6. Great idea but S5 & S6 are more important to deliver greater opportunity to our children.
310. That would work.
311. Extending catchment to include where? This would surely impact on other schools.
312. Pitlochry is a natural travel centre for the area and as rail services improve and the a9 is dualled, linear regression would surely conclude that average travel time will reduce in PKC by enlarging catchment.
313. As for option 1 but is really depends on how large a catchment area would be required and how it would impact those caught up in the changes. Although it might benefit the Pitlochry community positively, dragging children in from further afield would negatively impact smaller communities in the area e.g. Strathtay / Grandtully where they are already trying to save their much loved primary school. Saving Pitlochry School should definitely not come at the expense of ripping the heart out of other communities!!!!

Different children need different school experiences and a large conglomerate school with lots of pupils is not the best option for some. Also making very young children travel is not practical. We need to maintain a choice of schooling options in our wider community, not reduce them.

314. This would help many children who have an even longer commute for S5 & S6 - by increasing the catchment area, you could decrease their commute and also help parents who need to work in the area.
315. Also this one.
316. As above.
317. Maybe.
318. If this can be done without closing smaller schools, great. Small schools are vital in rural areas or these will become uninhabited.
319. It would be good to widen catchment area as this would give full use of the secondary school and I'm sure it's an easier journey to Pitlochry than too Aberfeldy.
320. Not sure of current catchment area but if there are pupils who want to attend Pitlochry but currently don't then maybe this is an idea.
321. Make sure there's enough room.
322. Yes.
323. Extend the school to accommodate 5th and 6th year.
324. Ok if retaining to S4 but not at expense of Having Option 4.
325. No change for community.
326. Only within a time limit of 30 minutes each journey. Oh Elizabeth yule coaches have locked toilets.
327. Same answer as above.
328. Good option, I'm sure local residents of Kirkmichael would agree.
329. Minimal impact on community.
330. This would help increase the school numbers and make it an even better school for the kids of Pitlochry and surrounding areas.
331. Extending the catchment area would increase the number of pupils attending the school but would not reduce the number of pupils having to travel to school.
332. Again a great option! I'd love to see others have the opportunity to attend this great school!
333. This should only be done if there is still capacity once S5&S6 have been reintroduced.
334. This fits perfectly with option 2. Why are 2 and opposing options?
335. A lot of people like sending their children to Pitlochry specifically because it is a small school. Making it larger would likely be detrimental to the community.
336. Increased occupancy will require increased staff and thus increased subject choice available and take away from other schools which already have the facilities Pitlochry are lacking, seem a bit silly this would also work but what effect would it have on the pupils travelling into school from the extended area.
337. As above, this would work in conjunction with option 2, to offer S5 and S6 to all young people including those from Kirkmichael and Dunkeld. The journey from Dunkeld to Pitlochry is much more straightforward and pleasant than that from Dunkeld to Aberfeldy.
338. Possibly a good option.
339. This is valid but closing a number of local schools would really need careful consideration in terms of whether possibly small savings are worth the level of disruption and the transport /aftercare costs.
340. This may increase numbers to a small degree however only if it did not increase the distance pupils were having to travel to school. If pupils had to travel further then this would not be any improvement.
341. Very much needed.
342. As question 1 and extending catchment area would increase the occupancy at a faster rate.
343. Extending the catchment area would potentially improve the school role and move Pitlochry's public library into Pitlochry High School.

344. This would be ideal to provide local facilities for rural local areas e.g. Straight, Kirkmichael.
345. Would the numbers be significant if the catchment extended to Kirkmichael? School would need to be improved to be an appealing alternative to Blairgowrie and the resources there.
346. If you improve the condition rating - and this is much needed - extend the catchment area and include 5th and 6th year this would be a progressive step but what is needed is a community campus that meets the needs of the children and the community. After all, learning is a life-long commitment. This community wants and needs integration and cohesion.
347. This would have a positive impact because more people would then have the choice for an extended education at a well-established school where results at S4 are consistently good.
348. This could be a good option but also S5 and 6.
349. If this is a feasible option to ensure the school stays open then this is a good idea.
350. Not sure if this would be enough.
351. Would not consider this as an option. Road conditions are unsuitable in winter from the areas shown.
352. Extending catchment area to increase occupancy can only be a good thing.
353. Would help improve occupancy of the school but would not have much impact on the community as not bringing new people to the area just making pupils travel further to school.
354. Great but unless the 5th and 6th year option is not included I think it would be much less successful. The whole area needs this improvement. We deserve a campus that will benefit toddlers to teenagers and beyond. The school as it is does so much for the area.
355. Beneficial in terms of building critical mass.
356. Again, the condition rating HAS to be improved, why have a school if you are not constantly striving to be the best, and again it really shouldn't be about occupancy levels. By increasing the catchment area, e.g. to include Kirkmichael, it would give the parents a choice of which Secondary School they send their children to. I know of parents who would rather their children come to Pitlochry High, rather than Blairgowrie.
357. Provide better environment for pupils and staff to learn & work. Increasing catchment area would only work if the distances involved did not make feeling part of the community too difficult for those pupils.
358. Catchment could include Kinloch Rannoch, Tummel Bridge and Kirkmichael providing the roads are properly prepared in winter.
359. Also a great idea.
360. Tie in with option 2.
361. Again as I have said there needs to be a strong incentive to encourage young people to stay on. There should be an extension of the catchment area however, I believe that this and improving the condition rating, should be linked to encouraging young people to come the school. Offering a specialism, linked to the local businesses, apprenticeships, and even the foundations to get to university or theatre/ arts school. With up-to-date digital facilities, in technical theatre (music, lighting and sound), digital art and design, and even game design (may be also linked to Dundee university). This would attract young people to choose the school above other courses. S5 and S6 is a choice for the young people and you are competing with Perth College and local apprenticeships. I also believe there should be a unit to support pupils with autism and dyslexia, at present there is only specialism in Perth and pupils have to travel. There is some support at Breadalbane but it is understaffed and struggles. Those pupils, with special needs, in mainstream are often overlooked because the constant change of staff, and supply teachers who don't know their pupils and don't read the information on them. Breadalbane is getting too big and Pupils are not reaching their full potential as they are not getting individual care. Also the school bully, that hounded pupils at Pitlochry to such

- an extent that they left to go to Breadalbane, was moved to Breadalbane and the bully started all over again.
362. As for 1 & 2. Given the possible closure of Grandtully and Logierait primaries and the impact of Bertha Park on the Bankfoot/Dunkeld/Birnam area, surely there have to be catchment area boundary changes? It has long bothered me that children who live 15 minutes from Pitlochry have been in the Aberfeldy catchment area so a move to look at this can only be for the better. Pupils from any of these areas would be more likely to choose Pitlochry High School if S5/6 was available and I strongly believe that the new build that is Breadalbane Academy is less of an influence than the Senior Phase issue. Another consideration could be Kirkmichael but again probably only truly viable if Pitlochry High School included S5/6 (although I know that many Kirkmichael children have opted for PHS in the past). Whilst it is understandable that where a school is over capacity it is possible to. "Include measures such as refusing placing requests, prioritising catchment pupils with siblings and by distance, and zoning pupils to another school with capacity". (PKC Lifelong Learning Committee 16/48). It would seem appropriate/ acceptable to have it work the other way. Sadly, I doubt this is possible.
363. I believe option 3 coupled with option 2 are the only sensible options available for PHS. I have spoken to many parents in Kirkmichael who crave for PHS catchment, but only is S5 & S6 are included.
364. This would be my second choice.
365. I assume that this option incorporates Options 1 & 2 above in their entirety. Further increasing the school catchment would offer a reduction of travel time for a number of pupils living mainly to the east and south of Pitlochry and in some cases transport to/from the school will be much better when the A9 duelling in this area is completed. It will further increase the school roll and justify its existence.
366. Yes, as long as pupils can avoid lengthy journeys.
367. The catchment area at the moment seems to be sufficient; travelling from Kinloch Rannoch to Pitlochry or Aberfeldy takes the same amount of time, and so there is no real need to extend the catchment area unless the school population is in desperate need of boosting.
368. Unsure.
369. Good idea although the road from Kirkmichael is hazardous in winter.
370. Yes - the catchment needs to be extended to allow YP to attend. Issues around severe lack of housing also needs to be addressed.
371. Also extending areas would be useful for those who need this school.
372. Yes!
373. Extend catchment area only if in the best interests of those pupils whose catchment area would be changed, not merely to fudge some numbers.
374. Improve condition. Include S5 and S6 and extend catchment area.
375. This would result in more pupils and although bigger class sizes, the building would be improved to accommodate this. I think this would have quite a benefit on the local community as it would result in more business and prosperity.
376. Yes, but not enough.
377. This option is of most interest to our family, as both my husband and I work in Pitlochry and the surrounding areas. We live in XXXXX with our XXXXX children and would sooner commute our children (should they be accepted) to Pitlochry than send them to our catchment high school Blairgowrie. Should they attend Blairgowrie and something happen that would mean they needed collected it would be mean over an hour for us to drive to collect them. Our local public bus already drives to within 6 miles of Pitlochry, then returns to Blairgowrie. That extra 6 miles would connect our community to the train station and open up tourism to our beautiful wee glen.
378. Best option and would definitely increase number and give a reason for extending school to include the last years.
379. Same comment as above.
380. We live within Kirkmichael and this is very important to us to give our children choices.

381. If extending the catchment area to boost numbers enables more investment in the school then this option would be positive.
382. This is a good option as long as it is not detrimental to other areas.
383. This would seem to make sense, perhaps looking eastwards and southwards, as there is an imbalance in the catchment area shape, with large distances to the north/northwest, but short distance south and east, just because someone built an overly sized school at Aberfeldy. Dunkeld to Pitlochry must be a safer and faster journey, than Dunkeld to Aberfeldy, especially after the A9 dualling is completed. Why bother upgrading A9 links, if we're going to bus people away from the A9 on back roads?
384. I assume that this option incorporates Options 1 & 2 above in their entirety. Further increasing the school catchment would offer a reduction of travel time for a number of pupils living mainly to the east and south of Pitlochry and in some cases transport to/from the school will be much better when the A9 dualling in this area is completed. It will further increase the school roll and justify its existence.
385. The school would benefit from more children, and more engagement.
386. This would only work for children who have better transport options than going to Aberfeldy. Some parents already prefer Pitlochry schools to Blairgowrie. Without adding S5 S6 it would have very limited effect.
387. Pitlochry High School already has a wide catchment area but this should be extended to include Kirkmichael and perhaps even Dunkeld. Going back to the previous question, if 5th and 6th year is available in Pitlochry then I am sure Dunkeld parents would look to this school rather than Aberfeldy. The bus journey to Pitlochry each day would be much better than to Aberfeldy.
388. In conjunction with other options, this has potential.
389. Catchment area already covers a wide area
390. This too would be an advantage.
391. As above.
392. I live 18 miles north of Pitlochry and we are in catchment, extend it further and you reach the Highland Council.
393. Not feasible without detriment to neighbouring communities.
394. This would have a detrimental effect on neighbouring communities.
395. This is fine however pupils would still have to travel to Aberfeldy for 5th and 6th year which may not encourage people to live in Pitlochry when if they moved to Aberfeldy their children could complete their whole education without having to travel. Adding 5th and 6th year to Pitlochry therefore seems the better option. I am also a former pupil who had to travel every day to Aberfeldy which added an extra hour either side of my day. This is a lot when you have homework and other commitments and hobbies which are also very important for further education and acceptance into university.
396. Yes - if this would allow secondary school in particular to be in Pitlochry.
397. A review of the catchment area would help those living in out-lying areas including Kirkmichael. Any initiative that increases the school roll is welcomed alongside investment in the school.
398. Great idea.
399. Still not a good option, community becoming more involved in the school would be greatest option for the future. Only adding more pupils I don't think will achieve this, incorporating community events further and allowing public into campus (not school specific areas) would be a greater addition for the town.
400. Look at what the school condition is now and consider what should have been done in previous years, ask the question has the school not had maintenance carried out as it should have? If so, why not?
401. Good option. As Pitlochry is on the A9, travel would be as safe for pupils from Dunkeld and Bankfoot as it is for them to travel to Perth and safer than travelling to Aberfeldy. Improved condition of school would enable improved ethos and pride in the school. Increased occupancy for s5 and S6 would enable improved subject choices

402. Catchment area should be increased only if it is to the net benefit of the pupils that would be affected.
403. I do not think that extending the catchment area of the school will have a great impact in increasing the occupancy level. The number of children that will be involved will be negligible and also these children will be 'poached' from other secondary schools.
404. Yes please improve the condition of the school. However if you increase the catchment area you may be taking pupils from another school so you end up with an occupancy problem elsewhere. Already some of PHS pupils travel great distances which is exhausting especially in winter conditions. The ongoing uncertainty of the future of the school is affecting the occupancy.
405. As previous answer. Children are far more settled and happier at Breadalbane due to inclusion policies and lack of fear of going to school!
406. This option would be beneficial in that the school roll does need to increase and would prevent closure of the school. It would save some children in rural communities travelling to Perth for school.
407. Would be essential if Logierait or Strathtay was closed.
408. Yes.
409. Option 3 is close but not close enough. Pitlochry High School would have a prosperous future by expanding it with S5 and S6 students.
410. This option is similar to the above but Kirkmichael kids for example would then have the option of two schools and perhaps increase pupil numbers making it more viable to keep the secondary open.
411. Not sure what this achieves.
412. This would be good used in conjunction with the previous option. I grew up in Kirkmichael and my parents would have loved to send me to Pitlochry but with no transport provided, despite it being closer than Blairgowrie, and the issue of moving for S5/S6. I know many families in that area still feel the same way.
413. It would still mean busing children.....not good.
414. Pitlochry is in a good catchment area to be able to extend due to its location and access.
415. Catchment should be extended to Dunkeld and Kirkmichael.
416. Unsure.
417. Much better idea but also consider aspects of adult education, sorely needed for the area.
418. This is an ok idea, although not 100% clear on where it would be extended to? Clearly boosting occupancy level would be good, although part of low numbers is due to mismanagement and ineffectual leadership by staff leading to slipping academic standard and unchecked bullying driving children to other local (often private) schools. Again, improving building condition is vital. However, don't feel boundaries should be artificially lengthened to include pupils significantly closer to other schools as that silly and frustrating for pupils.
419. If this was to keep it open then also a good option.
420. Again, it is disappointing that a local authority has suggested this option as a viable one. The crux of the matter is that for this option to work, there would need to also be significant further investment in the school. It is time for PKC to make Pitlochry children's education a priority. Bringing more children in from other areas does not address the lack of support and forward thinking that PKC are using in regard to Pitlochry High School. Our children get an amazing education at Pitlochry High School but they are let down, along with the staff by PKC. I believe that because of Pitlochry's rural location we are penalised with insufficient support and funding providing our school with facilities on a par with other schools in the region. Why not suggest improve condition rating, extend catchment area, add s5 and s6, enhance subject choice and offer better sport, leisure, ASN and community group facilities?
421. Still good.....having a thriving school can only enhance the area.
422. Great idea, as there are school which want to commute to Pitlochry school.
423. Catchment should be extended into take in Kirkmichael catchment.

424. Would bring more people into the area.
425. If necessary to achieve option two.
426. A review of catchment areas is welcomed and I would support this on the simple principle of minimising journey times to school. With the dualling of the A9, Pitlochry High would become the shortest commute for primary children at Dunkeld, compared to Breadalbane and Perth alternatives. Children from Kirkmichael also have a shorter commute to Pitlochry compared to Blairgowrie secondary school. This option isn't really an option unless it is combined with another option, e.g. option 1 or 2. Do you mean increase catchment for the current S1 to S4 school role or for a full S1 to S6 school role? You will get very different numbers under both these scenarios.
427. A review of catchment could be useful as long as pupils were not compromised by journey times to school. The A9 dualling project may yield opportunities here. If shorter journey times were delivered to more rural based pupils then this could also be beneficial. Further investments in educational facilities and infrastructure would still be required to support this option.
428. Improving the condition rating is very important. Extending the catchment area has no direct impact on the community in the current catchment area but increasing occupancy level could be beneficial to both providing a wider subject range and improving provision of extra-curricular facilities.
429. This would have a general positive impact on the community in Pitlochry and increase school numbers, however, the rural schools in the surrounding villages may be adversely affected so this might not be the most effective method to increase student recruitment.
430. My preferred choice. Also to include S5 S6. I would also like to see improved facilities at the school location. Close existing Atholl leisure centre, library, council offices (use money from this for school) and move location to school. Possibility of swimming, climbing wall etc. Usable space for groups outside school. A proper community facility (not like Breadalbane supposed community facility).
431. Option 2 is the solution here.
432. This could work, however, think it would then cause issues to other schools who may lose pupils and numbers will drop.
433. Increasing the catchment area could be counterproductive and place pressure on other local schools.
434. Very good so long as it does not mean students from outlying places have long & complicated journeys to school.
435. As above but only if the increases to the catchment area are practicable, considering winter road conditions.
436. Community like Pitlochry requires a writ of ages - young & old. Currently, many secondary pupils in PH School are involved in all sorts of local voluntary activities - it would be a great loss if this ceased. Option 3 - this would be sensible.
437. Not desirable as it will affect Logierait and Grandtully catchments and there future viability to serve local families.
438. Yes, common sense.
439. Kirkmichael pupils should have a choice.
440. Some families in Kirkmichael wish to use Pitlochry School.
441. Although this would help I think that it is a short term solution.
442. Yes, Investment is required to do this.
443. Positive impact keeps school open.
444. This seems an obvious solution as Pitlochry is at the centre of the region. The theatre is of importance to the school keeping young families in the area will help the balance of population healthy.
445. Could become an even more integral part with facilities.
446. There would be a High School available that would be closer for outlying areas other than Breadalbane. Reducing travelling time for them and allowing children opportunities for after school activities.
447. Great idea.

448. Positive & sensible option.
449. Need to move with the needs of pupils providing a continuation of teaching with their peers.
450. You would not need to do this as pupils would be queuing to get in.
451. Within 10 miles.
452. Yes combined with option 2.
453. This would be a good idea, as many from Kirkmichael etc. would have Pitlochry as their school and not have to apply.
454. This will increase the viability of the school by enhancing the role.
455. Slightly better than present situation.
456. Whilst this is a good option I feel it would merely move the issue to Breadalbane whose occupancy level would fall. If the area is extended to include Dunkeld then class sizes may be much larger again impacting on children's learning.
457. This could mean further "bussing" for distant children - otherwise fine.
458. This would be a good idea if it proves practical for surrounding areas.
459. This sounds ridiculous, I don't understand how this would work.
460. Ok, as above.
461. I suspect this would have minimal effect.
462. If it keeps the school open, then great. However, it sounds like an option designed to justify an outcome. If extending the catchment area, do so because it is in the interests of the children in the extended catchment area.
463. Extending the catchment area is a good idea - The catchment areas concerned do not always take all matters into account & parents may even prefer choice based on child's needs & their work, etc.
464. Again a good idea, anything to increase the occupancy level.
465. That could then lead to a greater rivalry with Breadalbane and maybe some healthy competition for parents and pupils to decide in which school to attend. It could also be classed as poaching.
466. Good idea.
467. Yes – great.
468. Positive impact and it might encourage more families to the area.
469. Inappropriate use of funding as school not fit for purpose anymore.
470. Occupancy likely to increase with local house building. Use of school for classes, community events, swimming pool (long overdue in this area). Catchment area could be extended to reasonable travel distances.
471. My XXXXX lives in Kirkmichael so my daughter is very keen to have XXXXX educated at Pitlochry. This is partly because my XXXXX was educated at Pitlochry and loved XXXXX time here. Also good exam results compared to Blairgowrie.
472. Happy to have the catchment area extended along with retaining S5 & S6.
473. If the catchment area was extended this would also increase the occupancy rate, but travel time & the effect of bus travel (where many children suffer from car sickness & can't eat their breakfast) would have to be taken into account as a disruptive element in a child's education, so if children were required to travel further/ to PHS then they do at present or the journey takes longer. Is it fair to ask this?
474. Extending the catchment would seem sensible, given the dualling project on the A9, as this will provide benefits to pupils in Dunkeld. They will be able to travel shorter distances to a high school on larger and safer roads. However, they are unlikely to choose the option of Pitlochry unless S5 and S6 are offered. As such, extending the catchment is likely to have little impact on the occupancy level unless it is offered in tandem with an extension of the school to S5 and S6. This option provides possible (but unlikely) benefits to the wider Highland Perthshire community, but very little benefit to the Pitlochry community.
475. Extending the catchment is sensible, as it will provide an opportunity for pupils in Dunkeld to reduce their journey distance to high school. This would utilise the A9 dualling infrastructure project to improve the school bus journey for such children and

reduce traffic on smaller and more hazardous rural B roads. However, only extending the catchment does not address the issue raised by the community that they would prefer their children to have a stronger connection with their town for the duration of their schooling, as it would still necessitate a transition to S5 and S6 in Aberfeldy. As such, there are benefits to this option for some residents of Highland Perthshire, but the negative aspects of the current regime of S5 and S6 at Breadalbane, rather than locally, would persist. Furthermore, the issues that arise from pupils having a difficult transition from Pitlochry to Breadalbane at S5 (or choosing to discontinue their formal education) would continue in the future. This will likely result in.

5) Option 4: S4 pupils move to Breadalbane Academy and review use of Pitlochry High School building.

Comments

1. This again is a bad option and not to the benefit of our pupils. At present they are not welcomed in S5 so why would we want that hostility forced upon them earlier.
2. Numbers will drop.
3. Feels extremely disruptive to move kids in the middle of their secondary education. Does anywhere else do this?
4. S4 pupils move to Breadalbane – absolutely NO. Such children would lose out in so many ways and the reduced secondary dept. in Pitlochry would have great difficulty in retaining staff.
5. No way.
6. Definitely not. The journey is twisty & long. Three years of that journey would be awful.
7. No point making people move to Breadalbane when they can just go there. No way!
8. Some children don't travel well.
9. Option 4 is a no go. It drops numbers in the school and is not an advantage to education within the school.
10. Bad time to move. Course choices made for Nat 4/5 in S2 & commence in S3. Different teachers & courses halfway through will not work.
11. Spending up to 2 hours travelling will seriously disadvantage out pupils! That's actually 2 hours they could be studying or doing homework.
12. No an extra year of unnecessary travelling and less access to afterschool activities.
13. Absolutely not a good solution! This can only damage Pitlochry High School and be detrimental to the education and wellbeing of our pupils. Reducing PHS to S3 would mean less teachers, less choice of subject and an erosion generally for the school and community!!
14. After school clubs not accessible once bus has left. 3 years bus travel adds up to a huge amount of wasted time in a child's life.
15. Time spent in travel would be better spent in learning in the local environment. Potentially families will be split up and parents would need to attend 2 schools to follow their child's development.
16. No an option either. Pupils should be able to continue their education in the same school wherever possible.
17. Not in favour of this as this means whole secondary school would end up closed.
18. 2 hours or so travelling! Student will arrive tired and not best prepared for learning. Don't think it's a safe option either.
19. Absolutely not!! Far too much travel time and no time for afterschool activities. Not an option!!
20. No! This is the first step towards PHS closure.
21. No! As an ex-pupil of both schools transitioning at a time of exams that can determine your future made everything a lot more difficult. It was like starting all over again. It wasn't until my final months of S6 I felt I belonged and had a stable teaching support network.
22. Lack of access to after school clubs due to transport (and pupils must pay).
23. Think developing new school in Pitlochry up to 6th year better option.
24. This would be devastating as S4 is when important exams start – pupils do not need this interruption at this stage. Travel time. Some do extracurricular activities etc.
25. What options are there for video link-up between Breadalbane and Pitlochry?
26. This is a no go and should not be considered.
27. Very bad decision. Pupils needing to sit exams for further education (university etc.) only have a few months in different school where staff to not know the pupils. Better S5 & S6 in PHS.

28. Consolidate all council offices in the area into a new building.
29. No!
30. The extra hour travel a day will impact S4 pupils and may disadvantage them.
31. More choice, not always good. Focus on quality and less choice and have specialism at each school.
32. Doing this loses children from education because it makes them unhappy and has done for years without any care from P&K Council.
33. Pupil impact will be negative. Age 13, age 14 kids need stability. It's bad enough that they have to move after S4. Surely this is a ridiculous option.
34. Our children were schooled in Aberdeen. Every child moved from primary 7 up to secondary school. I fear that keeping children at a lower academic level school will decrease their opportunities for wider academic interests. I kept my children at a different catchment and drove them every day myself but I was not working at that time. The bus journey time is indeed long or a very big disadvantage for Pitlochry children.
35. This would be the end of secondary education in Pitlochry. A strange option. Apart from the primary filling the space it would be a mothballed situation.
36. No, this is a critical point in their education. The impact would be devastating. I would take my family & leave the area.
37. Extra travel is a concern. If spending to upgrade the building anyway why send pupils to Breadalbane?
38. No this is just first step for closing the high school as this is really about money, dressed up as something else. This option would not actually save much money, but, rather more about making it easier to close the school at a later date.
39. Not a sensible option. All levels of S1 – S6 must be accommodated to provide the best education.
40. Only a step away from option 5 effectively delaying it.
41. This would serve devoid the area of a younger population – a bad move.
42. Might make sense in terms of Nat 5's but doesn't address capacity or condition issues. Not keen on this option.
43. Disruptions to school life – change of buildings/ town/ teachers / peers is the last thing stressed teenagers need in the lead-up to life-affecting exams.
44. Pitlochry High school must not be closed it is too important for the town. Employment levels in local industries has reduced significantly in the last 20 years this relating to families being employed locally. The plan for the new building however has reduced in recent years thus affecting the population.
45. Not a logical option. Travel distance and time and the environmental impact makes no sense – there is a secondary school in Pitlochry and it should be available to all ages.
46. This would be a terrible blow to inflict on the communities children.
47. Not a good idea. This would have another negative affect on the community.
48. I totally reject this proposal having seen first-hand the trauma experienced by our local children making the transition to BA at such a sensitive, crucial time in their education. Time spent travelling is wasted time, extra-curricular activities are denied to them as they must 'be on the bus,' links to their local community are stretched as they are not educated in their own town are not education in their own town making bonds with younger children. Some children travel for an hour to attend PHS, this is a rural school remember, these youngsters would have another 90 minutes travel added to their travel time, this is unacceptable and unsustainable for many of these pupils in S5 and S6 already.
49. Moving school at either S4 or S5 disrupts the child's education at the most important (in terms of qualifications gained) time of their life.
50. Not even an option!
51. Not an option!
52. Not a good option, as pupils will have the pressure of preparing for their first big exams and have to adapt to a new school environment.

53. Option 4 can only lead to the slow and painful demise of PHS. Parents will not send their children to PHS only to have them transferred to Breadalbane. I am STRONGLY AGAINST this option.
54. Need linkage S3-S4
55. Not a good idea – travel time for pupils, homework, happiness. It will affect the town greatly.
56. The transition at that time in a teenager's life is really difficult, making a conscious decision to carry on higher education. A lot of people may choose to 'drop out' of school based on the changes.
57. Not an option.
58. This option would put some parents off even sending their kids to school in Pitlochry for a 'pointless' 3 year stint.
59. This is no option.
60. The road to Aberfeldy is absolutely awful and in my opinion unsafe. The journey time before and after school is exhausting for kids after a long day.
61. S4 pupils who want to leave at 16 will have to spend 1 year at Breadalbane not satisfactory.
62. Not really a desirable possibility. Pitlochry deserves a larger "top end" to reflect its position as a town of stature.
63. The grades of Pitlochry pupils are outstanding. We do not want them to be moved away from the centre of excellence and at a most critical time in their educational journey.
64. Would be concerned about my grandchildren travelling for time a long day for some. Gong away from their locality where they have established friends from nursery onwards. Further away for parents to be involved.
65. Disruptive to education at a critical time.
66. Taking S4 away from the area will exacerbate the leaching of able members of the community like what happens with S5 & S6 at present.
67. Not a good option. Too much travel time makes it a very long day and then homework on top of that would be too long a day.
68. ☹️
69. No as from experience this is very disruptive socially and educationally for pupils.
70. I prefer having S5&6 back in Pitlochry but moving at S3 does offer more continuity for higher exams, but not a good option.
71. I think the choice of option 4 is by far the worst option. To move children so young daily to Aberfeldy would impact on their daily education. The property in Pitlochry coming on the market would not be bought by families – why would they come here with no senior school? It is a huge detriment to the area. After school activities would be too difficult to implement and make a very long day for pupils so young.
72. This has to be a last resort – the bus journey is a real "put-off" for the children.
73. No – affects current pupils when they are half way through their course (Nat 4/ Nat 5) – extremely disruptive to education at a key time.
74. Nonstarter!
75. Don't think it is a great option. Preferable to have the secondary school up to 5th & 6th year. To save the time of travel when it could be more than 2 hours a day at the most crucial time of a young person's life.
76. No. This is likely to reduce PHS roll further as they may feel inclined to move to Breadalbane from P7.
77. This option would further reduce occupancy levels, decrease investment potential and ultimately have a negative impact on the school not a feasible option.
78. Slow death of school.
79. Option 4 makes no sense. It would help with not transitioning at an awkward time but I thought the issue that started all this was building condition and occupancy which this totally ignores. The occupancy would go down and the condition isn't mentioned of being improved. A big NO.

80. Really worrying for my child's education. I want them to complete their schooling and this doesn't make it easy for them, / me / anyone.
81. No – wrong time to move!!!
82. Already have concerns about the time spent travelling for pupils which impacts on health i.e. travel sickness, last time at school so would not like to see S4 transferred to Breadalbane.
83. This is a ridiculous option, to uproot children at such a crucial stage in the child's education, it would be a disaster. To have to learn new layouts, school systems, rules, teachers and pupils. It would be horrendous. I can't understand why you don't want to protect the children, ensure they have a secure education. My son was worried about moving from P4-5, let alone how he would feel if you uproot him for S4. It is so deeply sad that things have come to this.
84. Doing this would mean people choosing not to live/ move to Pitlochry. If I had known my child would have to travel to Breadalbane I would have chosen to live nearer Aberfeldy.
85. More review? Really? Stop this uncertainty. Move the S5 & S6 to PHS – that bumps the school close to PKC capacity #'s.
86. I do not think this is a good option. I think it would be the opposite to saving Pitlochry High. It would reduce the numbers further and the planners would see an opportunity to save money by spending less on improving the school or even closing.
87. Awful, Awful, Awful option!! Young children leaving home before 8am and not returning till nearly 5pm at just 12 yrs. old! Pitlochry as a community would cease to exist, you would have no incentive to move to Pitlochry or look for work. Families would move away and desert Pitlochry for better equipped towns that will provide continuing education. Moving to Breadalbane for 5th yr. Was traumatic enough. To leave the safety and kindness shown to you at PHS to a bigger school away from your home. It would make after school activities more difficult to do as you wouldn't be back in time. Please don't even consider this option. It would mean to finish of Pitlochry as a community.
88. Not in favour of this, keep occupancy of Pitlochry High School at maximum possible level.
89. Distance for many children from the glens to Pitlochry then on to Aberfeldy makes this totally inappropriate. Population of Pitlochry is greater than Aberfeldy it should have a school that supports this.
90. Educational provision at Pitlochry is excellent, often leading in P&K. exam results excellent, insight reports better than P&K and comparator schools – closing the best in P&K is not to be considered.
91. Absolutely not. Disaster for the town, the economic future of the whole area. PHS is the most important, vital asset to keep the heart of the town vibrant.
92. Removing pupils from S4 increased difficulty of having viable numbers in secondary. This has a knock on effect to have suitable staff applying for posts and the range of options available to pupils.
93. Moving pupils at end of S3 – educationally not good practice. Curr for Excellence is a continuous process and true end point only at Nat 4/5 at end of S4 for most pupils. Difficulty to have option choices available at Breadalbane.
94. This is start of slippery slope. Yes it fits with current educational phase but long term devalues PHS. Aim must be to build PHS as centre of community rather than only a start.
95. This is exactly the same as option 1.
96. Increasing stress for those that need to study for exams will not provide a reasonable chance for pupils
97. Breadalbane is already too big to succeed. Not good for special needs pupils. This is not an option.
98. This is a poor option with serious educational downside as Pitlochry pupils would be moving to a new school in a key exam year.
99. No!
100. This is not a good option for the school. Reducing the number of secondary years would eventually lead to option 5 (which is worse)!!

101. Breadalbane is far too big and you don't get the help you need.
102. Better option than 'option 5' but less preferable to extending to S5 and S6.
103. Not a good menu – stressful for pupils and parents. Do this and you close the doors of the school by the back door!!
104. If S4 is removed (refer to mid-school education in the 70s/80s) staff get disorientated. Ambition is not supported if exam diet is removed. Pupils focus, from experience deteriorates and those who are likely to switch off earlier from their education.
105. Please do not move S4 to Aberfeldy. This would create a downhill slide for Pitlochry High School.
106. Not helpful!
107. How will this benefit any party? Occupancy goes down and condition stays the same? Either have a secondary school or not, not a half secondary.
108. Breadalbane and Pitlochry teach differing things even at Nat 4 Level as not every teacher teaches everything from the curriculum. Very poor option. Breadalbane cannot cope with volume of pupils as it is. Pupils at Breadalbane are not nurtured as they are in Pitlochry. Breadalbane teachers advise that students drop subjects if they do not do well in 1 test. Breadalbane only think about their statistics and not the pupils. Hard enough for pupils to have to do daily commute for 2 years as it stands at the moment.
109. The same downsides as option 5 – pupils e.g. denied after-school activities. A major disruption to pupils at the start of an exam year. This is already a problem with S5.
110. The curriculum is so tightly packed that background for Nat 5's is being taught in S3. Because Breadalbane often does different options in the exams, pupils will not benefit from moving school in their first exam year with new teachers, with new pupils and with not the appropriate knowledge. Also Pitlochry gets better exam results so why move pupils to an academically worse school? This wouldn't change the occupancy level so what's the point?
111. I understand the XX curriculum but less pupils - why not use modern technology not move S4 and then have S5 & S6. Yes – a community campus.
112. This is the worst idea I have ever heard. As a current XXXXX Breadalbane I truly can't fathom who would consider this. If all/ more former pupils were asked (not just a select few, handpicked – which happened to notice have similar opinions on it, which puts positive light on Breadalbane) were asked you would see why. I strongly dislike Breadalbane, I would even say hate it. And moving at such as crucial point of my education is/ was an awful idea. Expecting pupils to settle in, get to know classmates, teachers, a new building and learning new subjects all in the same year of my Highers is an almost impossible ask. I know that my grades will not be nearly as good as they could of staying at PHS. I had never considered dropping out before S6 until I moved, but since I have its all I want. Changing schools is such a disruptive process and doing it during first time exams, learning new things making the last three years of work inferior to that crucial year. It truly is not a good option. I cannot put on paper how against this I am and how I can't believe that more former pupils haven't been asked (13 post-its – acceptable for options 2 & 4).
113. A non-starter. An unnatural break disruption for pupils.
114. I'm against this option. The school building should be improved without disruption to the children.
115. Not keen on this option unless the review of building – into spirit area.
116. Definitely not! Surely this would just make the problem of lower occupancy worse. More parents would choose the option of putting their children to another school from S1 where they can complete their full education. This would be really bad for children.
117. S5&S6 are not happy moving so S4 would be the same. This would also be detrimental to the very good atmosphere at Pitlochry.
118. I would question the children moving at this point in their education. I believe this could be detrimental to their learning due to the social aspect of the move.

119. Having been a Pitlochry pupil + moving to Breadalbane for S5 +6 I would not agree to this. We were treated as 'Pitlochry pupils' by both teachers + pupils + weren't always able to get the course choices we wanted.
120. This option is also not an option! This is pointless altogether! Pitlochry School is needed for the future of all children that live near + far! S1-S6!
121. Not feasible for pupils or the school. Either add S5 & S6 or continue as is. Doing this would end with the school closing altogether.
122. Doesn't seem like viable option – serious upheaval for S4 when exams should be main focus. Pitlochry High within a decent distance for pupils of all ages S1-S6.
123. I think this is a terrible idea!! Extra hours on travel, more pupils leaving without qualifications and less involvement with the community.
124. I don't like this idea, there are better options – like build a community school, bring in pupils from Breadalbane.
125. Hard for pupils and staff. Road to Aberfeldy unsafe in winter months.
126. Would be hard to attract and retain new teachers. Doesn't offer any career path.
127. Moving children at this stage is detrimental to their education – they are needing support and continuity of staff – to put in yet another transition into their lives is not acceptable.
128. We recognise the importance of relationship building between staff and pupils in providing the best educational experience for pupils. Why disrupt this at such a key stage?
129. Would just be a stalling step before closure.
130. Definitely NOT a valid option. Not good for pupils, staff or our community – Pitlochry High School is at the heart of our community and the quality of education is superior. Quality – V- Quantity = Quality every time
131. At pupils first experience of senior phase and exam they would have to cope with all the issues of moving to a new school and a long journey. How could this be an improvement in their educational experience?
132. The worst of all options – pupils would have a totally disrupted education, expected to transition at the most challenging time in teenage life. Children have the right to a high quality education – this will not happen when teachers and pupils are strangers to one another.
133. Think it's too important a year to be moving the children to a new school. They have built up relationships with staff and have started to work towards Nat 4 and Nat 5 qualifications.
134. Bad stage to move schools – not a solution.
135. This would increase the influx to move earlier. What incentive for secondary staff to teach only to S3?
136. Lots of children would opt to move at 1st year rather than this stage.
137. The school would struggle to recruit staff if only teaching S1-3. Is creating a 'middle-School' a way forward for Scottish Education? Consistency in educational experience for our pupils – rural or city is essential.
138. This wouldn't improve things. Too difficult a time for the children to move around.
139. This would have an impact on the roll as parents may decide to send their children to Breadalbane after P7. Would have a negative impact on pupil learning.
140. This would tear the heart out of the school and cause pupils to leave Pitlochry early in order to not have a transition half-way through school.
141. Bad idea – even less children (additional comments: I agree. Hideous bus journey).
142. Terrible plan – making us an S1 to S3 school is as good as closing it. The number 1 reason for losing S1 to S4 pupils currently is because of the S4- S5 Breadalbane transition.
143. Even higher percentage may drop out at a crucial stage once they reach 16 years, without national qualifications. At least 10% of our former S4's have left Breadalbane in August – September 2018.
144. Staff would be demoralised if only valued as a teacher up to BGE level. Also, how do you expect to attract young, enthusiastic staff who will not gain national level experience?

145. We have the highest percentage uptake in our subject area in all of P&K – we would lose this due to transition uncertainty if we were S1 to S3 only.
146. Very bad idea. Terrible disruption for pupils at a time they need stability for exam prep. S1+ continuity is a strength at PHS as we know pupils so well + work hard to support needs.
147. This would finish the school. You would not attract pupils or staff to the school.
148. No – Staff demoralised, pupils disrupted in middle of courses, less academic pupils already struggling with transition.
149. I really dislike this idea. I cannot see that many teachers would want to work in such a school as one of the enjoyable challenges is teaching senior years. I also think to have the transition year at S4 level, the first year of National exams would be extremely detrimental to attainment.
150. No! Too young to travel for so long each day. Up to 2 hours for some pupils. Couldn't socialise with peers so easily.
151. I think there is less people going to Pitlochry because Breadalbane is a bigger school.
152. No, I definitely don't want the S4 pupils to move to because as I said I want to keep the school the exact same + I would quite like to go to S4 in Pitlochry.
153. Not good because then would have to travel more.
154. I would not really want to move to Breadalbane Academy a year before, because I feel like it would be nerve-racking.
155. I think this isn't a good idea because you would be studying for your exams in S4 in S3 and it would be strange to move schools in the middle of studying. It would also make the school smaller and lots of people want a bigger capacity of pupils.
156. I don't think it would be a good idea because I don't want to go to Breadalbane and it is an important year for you.
157. I think it is a bad idea, because it will affect me because it is too far away for people who live in Pitlochry.
158. I strongly disagree to this option, because I know this would affect me.
159. Keep them.
160. It would affect me when I am in S3 because I would get a bus to Breadalbane, (which I wouldn't like).
161. I don't want to do this because I will just settle in then have to leave again.
162. I don't want to because I want to stay through secondary at PHS for as long as I can.
163. I do agree with moving the S4's to Breadalbane because (this is from my XXXXX), Breadalbane has better teachers? But they should have a choice.
164. I would not like to move in S4 because who set your exams and it will be stressful.
165. I would not like the S4's to go and I would want to stay till S1-S6.
166. I would not like to see this option as I want to improve the school, have a bigger catchment area and have S5 and S6. I don't want to have to go to Breadalbane for exams as I want to do exams with teachers I know.
167. I think this would make things worse for me and all the students because we are used to the school and the teachers.
168. I think I would be bad idea.
169. I wouldn't like this idea because I don't know my way around Breadalbane school because I am used to this school. If we could repair this school I would make a bigger dinner hall and make this hall a dinner hall.
170. I think that is a good idea because there is too much noise that there making.
171. That might be good because there are more facilities in Breadalbane.
172. This will affect me because I can't walk to school, so I will have to take the bus (which is bad for the environment).
173. It would affect me because I hate bigger school than this and have a dislike for buses. I would take the bus!
174. I don't like it because I get rushed a lot so I chose no.
175. We need to increase the amount of people not decrease.

176. If you're trying to increase the numbers don't take S4 away as it will decrease the numbers. Common sense!!!
177. I wouldn't want that to happen because would like to stay here.
178. I wouldn't want to go to Breadalbane after S4 because it would be a longer drive.
179. No because I don't want to go on a bus every day to school.
180. I do not think we should go to Breadalbane because the travel is very long.
181. I think that this is not a great idea because the numbers would go down and transport would be tricky.
182. This will affect me because when I am getting ready for my exams and then moving school and meeting new people could make my exams more difficult.
183. I think it's a bad idea because people might not have transport.
184. I think this is a bad one as pupils who have to travel a lot to get there will be tired out it also means it will be a lot crowded.
185. Bad because Pitlochry will travel hour up and down.
186. It is bad because you will have to travel.
187. No I don't want because it would be bad.
188. I think S4 should not move then Breadalbane would be over rated.
189. I don't want this to happen because most of my friends are in P6.
190. I think that will be a good idea because then there is more subjects in Breadalbane.
191. Not very good because of the bus journey for us (it is almost an hour for some of us, including me!).
192. If S4 pupils move to Breadalbane Academy they might not be able to do after school clubs because they have to go home. It would also mean that you would have to spend 2-3 hours on a bus.
193. I wouldn't like moving to Breadalbane in S4.
194. I wouldn't like that.
195. I would not like this to happen. Plus grades at Pitlochry are better than Breadalbane.
196. This isn't a good idea because then the school will be smaller.
197. I do not like or think this option is a good idea.
198. Not a good idea because we will have a smaller school.
199. Bad idea.
200. Bad idea.
201. I think this would be a bad idea because we would have to wake up early and travel far to Aberfeldy.
202. 'You said you want to add more pupils'.
203. Why would S4 have to go to Breadalbane? We have been fine with this for so many years why change it now?
204. This one sounds good but it is harder to get to Aberfeldy for some people.
205. I dislike this option and it could affect younger people in primary/nursery.
206. No, that would decrease the population.
207. This is the worst choice.
208. We would be losing pupils.
209. That would make our school smaller.
210. I think it's a bad idea because when you take away more people away and that would mean the school would close.
211. No because it is perfect as it is.
212. ☹
213. ☺
214. No, because we don't want to go to another school than Pitlochry High School which is the best school in the world!!!!
215. No.
216. No thank you.
217. No, because if S4 leaves then that's less people when you want more.
218. S4's are important – buddying. You don't want to change in your S4 year of exams/changing your teachers/teaching methods.

219. I would like the S4 class to stay because it means we have older people to help or be more mature than the smaller children.
220. S4's are too important for the school. Keep them.
221. S4 are important for us and help us.
222. No! Just no!!! Not happening!!! No!! That's decreasing the numbers not increasing. That's another year on a bus. Common sense.
223. X
224. Like I said in option 1 you would get one problem over with but on the other hand the occupancy would go way down which in this case would be bad.
225. This is a possible option that could happen but I am not sure it's the best.
226. Pretty dope put S5/6 here! ☺
227. No. you can do that because you're in the middle of studying for exams then you have you move to a new school with new friends and a new teacher.
228. Definitely not! Because it wouldn't feel the same school anymore without the S4's here at Pitlochry High School but also I think that when you pick your subjects in S3, then I think you should sit your exams at the same school.
229. This might affect me because I might be in S3 when it happens.
230. Why would you consider this. This problem worse. People will not move to Pitlochry if the school only goes to S1-S3.
231. This is a bad idea in my opinion.
232. Nope, keep S5 and S6 here.
233. This would affect pupils learning as they are too tired from getting up earlier than you would to go to Pitlochry. This is a massive issue for people like me who get up at 6am every morning to feed the animals on my farm. If I had to go to Breadalbane I would be getting up at 5.00 – 5.30am this would affect my learning and affect my exam results. In Pitlochry I am in a XXXXX, if I went to Breadalbane I would be in a class of 30+. I learn better with a few people in my class.
234. The impact of this is bad since S4 our students would go to Breadalbane but the use of it is that if you extend learning you go to S5-S6 not good at S4.
235. No, no no no no no no no no. this is a bad idea. #filterouttheneds. No. Don't send us to Ned school!!
236. Why would you want to do that? I don't see any reason for going to that hell hole (Breadalbane) early. There aren't many more subjects, we can't use the campus because we'd have to get back on the bus early.
237. Pitlochry statistically has better exam results than Breadalbane so why would we want to have to sacrifice our level of education when that us what it's all about.
238. Sleep can be crucial for exams so getting up earlier to go on a bus is exactly what we don't need ☺
239. I seriously don't like this option as it means we have to leave Pitlochry at an earlier time.
240. This is not a good idea in my opinion.
241. No, I don't think this is beneficial.
242. I don't like this idea because it scars some people like me that have been here whole life to leave.
243. This isn't a good idea because S4 students are starting exams at this time and it's a lot of stress to move schools while getting ready for exams.
244. Personally, I don't think it's a good idea.
245. This is a really bad idea, because that would just make our school have less people in it. And even if we expanded the primary, the secondary would have less facilities.
246. Not best choice because some people might only be there for a year so when they know where everything is they might leave.
247. I don't like this idea and I don't think it's a good idea because it's pointless if you don't want to go to 5th and 6th and you will get things taught completely differently.
248. Pointless because you will be taught different ways for your exams, adding stress.
249. Bad idea as we get told information in 3rd year leading into 4th year. Pointless.

250. Pointless because you could get taught completely different information in Pitlochry from S1-S3 then go to Breadalbane and not know any of the work.
251. This is one of the worst options. By making a stressful environment for pupils at this stage of school would inevitably give them worse results, having a detrimental effect on their future.
252. No this would not help us.
253. Longer bus journey in S4.
254. No.
255. No. Bad idea. Pitlochry has better exam results compared to Breadalbane.
256. Switching schools between S3 and S4 would likely create un-needed problems. 2/10
257. The worst idea makes school smaller and defeats the purpose of this.
258. No this wouldn't help that much.
259. Again not a good idea as I have said this is not a good idea as Pitlochry is more competent and have a higher IQ.
260. No, no, no, no, no. Please no.
261. Bad idea as it would disrupt learning.
262. This isn't a good option as during S3, there is a lot of stress on the pupils due to entering their exam year therefore, they don't need any more big changes to their educations.
263. No! I don't want to go to school at Aberfeldy. The national 5 passing rate is not as good. The teachers are way more dedicated at Pitlochry. Breadalbane would be the worst option for me, I wouldn't pass anything. No!! No!! No!!
264. No, because Pitlochry has better Nat 4/5 than Breadalbane.
265. Breadalbane gets worse results and there teachers aren't as good aka, they have a Polish teacher, teaching English (not being racists, just to clear). When you say review the use of Pitlochry High School really don't you practically mean it will close? Our teachers are the best at Pitlochry.
266. Just keep the school open!!!!
267. I would dislike this as myself in general does not like going to places where I know barely anyone.
268. No it would be a better idea to finish till S4.
269. No! If you move us to Breadalbane which doesn't get as high grades as Pitlochry it means my exams results will go down, meaning I won't get the job I want!
270. Just keep the school if others want to go to Breadalbane they can.
271. I wouldn't want this because over the S1-S3 period you start to like the teachers and want to finish the course with them.
272. No this wouldn't be good.
273. I don't want to go into a new school because I am happy in Pitlochry High School.
274. I don't see the point in this unless they are just advertising and not moving over there for S4.
275. Just don't think good idea.
276. I don't think this is a good idea because it would increase the amount of pupils in Breadalbane giving us a less beneficial education. Our exam results are better at Pitlochry, so moving us to Breadalbane would disadvantage us.
277. I don't want this to happen cause you might have to stop some clubs and you would get really tired.
278. As you may know, the test results in Aberfeldy are extremely poor. As a result I don't believe Pitlochry pupils should be submitted into an insufficient education system.
279. No, no, no.
280. Pointless don't think it would benefit us going into exams.
281. It may decrease grades as pupils would have to not overly get used to or change you also pay attention in classes! This may decrease confidence in pupils.
282. I think that it's an alright idea however would cause more stress when you don't need added stress in 4th year.
283. No. Pitlochry teachers are a lot better than Breadalbane's teaching.

284. Having done S4 at Pitlochry and having sat exams there provided a comparison that Pitlochry is much better supported than Breadalbane. Doing so at Pitlochry has provided much better support, as well as for those leaving S4 to go to college.
285. This would be a good idea because it would give pupils more course options for S4 than offered at Pitlochry, giving pupils more options for future careers.
286. A big change for that stage you haven't experienced exams yet and you're having to do them in a place not yet comfortable.
287. Don't think would work as in S3 we go over some stuff which would be in the exam, putting the PHS S3 pupils at a disadvantage to the S3 pupils at Breadalbane.
288. I don't think that would work as the main part of some of the courses were based around the knowledge we had learned from S3 and it may be hard from the Breadalbane point of view to pick that up.
289. Doing 3 years at Pitlochry could be seen as a waste of time and pupils may move over at the start of secondary. As S5 + S6 are optional years and S4 is not, it is a waste of time moving for one year if not staying for optional S5 and S6.
290. I think that this would be a bad move, Pitlochry High School have the resources to accommodate more pupils. It is just the building and catchment areas that are the issues.
291. Another good point teaching was better in S4 so might affect grades. Same thing about confidence of students may get lower which is bad for exam seasons etc.
292. I don't think this is a good idea as teaching as Pitlochry was in my opinion much better and pupil's grades would suffer due to the lack of support from teachers and attempting to adjust and make friends at the same time.
293. Necessary as capacity of pupils are decreasing. Easier transition after S4 exams before exams for S5's (important time in your life). Have to get to know new teachers, pupils, structure, building (whilst learning exam curriculum).
294. I think it would be better doing all of secondary in one place as it is hard moving at 15/16 when we have exams to worry about plus the thought of a new school and new friends. However I feel like the teachers are better in Pitlochry as we were more spoon-fed as there were smaller classes.
295. It would be bad as you won't get the full secondary experience at Pitlochry as you go to Breadalbane.
296. I think that at S4 you are too young to get the bus and having the S4 at Pitlochry allowed us to mature as students before we moved to Aberfeldy. If S4 was removed I think this would be more difficult to be comfortable and mature.
297. Nonsense suggestion. It is already absurd that pupils have to move schools after S4 (see response to Option 2 above). Option 4 makes even less sense than the current situation. I'm not even sure what this Option is actually meant to achieve?
298. I feel the disruption and extension to the day to accommodate a commute on a poor road, especially in winter, is going to be detrimental to the learning experience. After school activities will be affected and a sense of place lost, with lack of identity and potential for many families to relocate, thus impacting the already ageing population of Pitlochry. Towns need young folk to breathe life and energy into their very being, and the parents of young people are an integral part of communities, which will be lost if the kids are lost. Schools keep a vibrancy and very relevant community aspect to towns. After the A9 dualling, population in Pitlochry is bound to expand and the bus journey through to Aberfeldy will be the biggest waste of time to an ever growing number of young people's lives, encouraging passive activities (e.g. social media on smart phones) whilst sitting on a bus, rather than engaging in after school activities in sports and recreation. These days, kids need as more input than ever to get them off screens. This passive journey twice a day will feed their dependency on social media and virtual friendships hindering them from actually engaging with friends and families for real. Population if Pitlochry is going to grow and we will need a Secondary school even more. You can't seriously be considering closing the secondary and bussing everyone to Aberfeldy. So backward and so unnecessary and incredibly shirt sighted. It is a backward step.

- Breaking a child's education at this vital point from S3 to S4 is ridiculous. No parent is going to condone this so it isn't even an option. How ridiculous!
299. This would be extremely detrimental to the community of Pitlochry. The school is at the heart of the community and makes significant links with businesses and the wider community. Removing the secondary would entirely change the dynamics of Pitlochry. Less families would be encouraged to live here, the primary role would drop and families would have issues sharing their time between schools.
300. This would appear to be a negative move. Pupils face difficult road conditions in winter weather with additional time spent travelling which could be better spent on giving educational experience and learning.
301. Do not want this.
302. This does not make any sense to me. Part of moving to secondary is about a passage out of your childhood, and yet here is a proposal to prolong your childhood by mixing with primary school children through S1, S2, and S3.
303. Starting standard grades at one school and finishing at another seems detrimental to the kids and the quality of their education.
304. I fear that this might be the thin edge of a wedge. The local school is such an important part of the community that all efforts should be made to retain and improve the school facility.
305. It is appreciated that the new curriculum would seem to facilitate this as a more practical time for students to move across to Breadalbane, however as the transition functions just now it could also be very detrimental to pupils with not only their Highers but also their Nat 4/5's. Again the impact of the longer school day during vital exam/assessment years will impact on the potential attainment of children forced to travel to Breadalbane. The health and wellbeing of our young people will again need to be considered and the additional costs this could also create.
306. Wouldn't like that option to happen, not liking idea of kids travelling.
307. I don't see how this option is beneficial to any of the pupils, this would mean more buses to transfer pupils which isn't environmental friendly and long days for the pupils especially in the winter.
308. Moving children half way through their life in high school is just ridiculous as a previous pupil in Breadalbane I felt unbelievably sorry for all the kids moving up having to find their way about make new friends, get used to new teachers, while all the rest of the pupils in Breadalbane were already settled.
309. No as the journey especially in bad weather is extremely tiring especially for the pupils from the wider catchments like Blair Atholl.
310. Living in XXXXX would mean our children would have to leave very early and not get home till late, not great for keeping their minds focused.
311. S4 is such a critical year in education with preparation and sitting of the first real set of exams. Pupils should remain in the same school they have started the exam curriculum in.
312. Not an option.
313. How could pupils get half way through their options from S3 and successfully move to a new school? Surely this approach could only be considered as detrimental to their education!
314. Moving pupils during exam years is not a great idea. Moving to Breadalbane is very difficult for some pupils.
315. Craziest option possible as far as education is concerned and that's the important part of any school. For some reason the government has decided primar1 to S3 is separate to S4 to s6. It's so wrong. Children need continued learning and be able to learn to their abilities. This does not help numbers at the school or help with education. Makes the school less appealing to send children to so people won't move to the area.
316. A poor option, just one step worse from what already happens.
317. Demoralising and in essence a bullet to the school. A school with no pathways into the world of work, life and further education is in essence pointless.

318. The impact of this would be too great individually in my opinion. At the moment the move after S4 at least corresponds with the change from standard grades to Highers. Moving S4 pupils will impact too greatly on the continuity of education.
319. Unacceptable, and will see the beginning of a decline in the school, as well as negatively affecting the education and wellbeing of students.
320. A disaster for the community. Would our families off moving to the town.
321. Moving S4 pupils has been an unsatisfactory solution since I was a pupil 34 years ago. Pitlochry needs a school to attract families to the area, retain them, increase the diversity of the population to ensure a local workforce for business and investment.
322. Not great idea as mentioned above!
323. Don't think this is good idea because then in a few years' time council will say not enough pupils so close school.
324. Poor option, moving pupils to new school at the most important time in their studies.
325. No point in this.
326. No way what a waste of a school. The school is the centre of the community, without Pitlochry would suffer. Also even 4 years don't want to be standing in the cold going over there don't think so. It was bad enough for 5th and 6th years. I thought this present government was trying to improve schools and attainment levels. You can't have children learning since 1st year about subjects, building relationships and then expect them to have good passes in 4th year in National 5's. The one year course for National 5s is already tight with work being crammed in, portfolios etc. You are putting the children at a disadvantage asking them to move, and settle in and try and take on all the work required for National 5S.
327. I do not agree with this option as it will negatively impact on pupils, the local community and local economy.
328. No. What a Daft idea.
329. Definitely no, no, no. This would have such a major detrimental effect on the community. People with children will no longer choose to move to Pitlochry and would instead move to nearer Aberfeldy area. It would impact on the lower school years too as families would not want to have to think about moving as their children approach High School age. The age range of the community would become totally imbalanced.
330. This is a bad option for the reasons I have given re: transport/travelling times and the disruption and added stress of moving to Breadalbane Academy. S4 is such an important time in the pupils experience and education that I think that this option can only serve to damage the service to our pupils. In addition to this, it is my understanding, that if Pitlochry High School were to be reduced to providing to S3, then this would affect teacher ratios, and thereby in reducing the number of staff will reduce that choice that is offered to the pupils from S1 to S3. This ultimately will effectively close the school by stealth because pupils will be forced to opt to go elsewhere for their choices.
331. This is wrong having children travelling for hours each day.
332. Pupils face disruption and un-needed stresses of moving schools at a critical time in their education.
333. This is a bad option - it would lead to the decline of the school.
334. Would like to know what the potential uses could be for an empty school. I would hate the see the building left to rot. Couldn't turn into housing as no school in town would stop families wanting to come live here.
335. A terrible option for the school. Makes the occupancy percentage worse, not better. School would lose all exam qualification years.
336. Less time for s4 pupils to study and possibly missing classes etc.
337. This would simply be stalling option 5 and not resolve any of the problems.
338. No.
339. Not a good option at all for the community and surrounding pupils.
340. Waste of building that could be utilised , more traffic and transport involved when we should be reducing our carbon footprint - poor recruitment of people to Pitlochry area where it's already difficult as is - for example the hospital ongoing struggle to recruit.

341. Not viable, the absolutely worst time in a child's education to move schools.
342. No point in moving 4th over and makes pupil numbers in Pitlochry High School even lower. Don't know why this option is in as the review is about Pitlochry High School lack of pupils in the High School.
343. Would be acceptable if absolutely necessary, but not ideal for children in the middle of standard grades to have to transition to a new school.
344. Disagree with this option. Pitlochry High pupils generally do not maintain achievement levels on their move to Breadalbane. This would represent a huge impact within the local community if no Secondary school is present. This would negatively impact on jobs, families moving to the vicinity, community cohesion and local identity. Pitlochry must maintain a Secondary provision, local children would have increasingly long travel times in unsupervised buses on notoriously poor roads. If PHS was to become a BGE school this would impact on parental engagement with school and PHS being seen as a second class option, however at present PHS seen as offering high quality education, as seen in attainment figures.
345. Why move pupils in S4? The system of moving for S5 and S6 has worked for years, which is not to say it should remain this way always. When I was a pupil at PHS, I was made Head Girl in S4. This set me up in untold ways for Breadalbane. It is a good year to build upon self-confidence, aside from learning and exam preparation, before moving to a bigger school. However, I know not everyone would share this view.
346. Very disruptive as such an important time. All pupils will have to travel further to school. Would hinder new families moving to the local area.
347. Absolutely no. Just a step to shutting Pitlochry High School.
348. No chance!!!! I would rather home school my last child rather than let him attend that school!
349. Negative - time spent on a bus is tiring and does not contribute to a child's ability to learn, study, or participate in community activities after school.
350. This would push even more pupils and families from the area. Economy would fall and generally speaking be a majorly backward step for the area.
351. What a backwards step in this day and age....awful idea...bad for kids, bad for community and bad for businesses! Are you not trying to encourage a more rounded community...not drive folks away from town.
352. Transport costs prohibitive, and disruptive in exam year.
353. For me this is not an option. Our pupils go from Blair Atholl primary school to Pitlochry then to Breadalbane. Just when they are settled they would be moved to another school. Too much stress trying to fit in and continue their learning to their best ability. Our smaller primaries would then come under threat as Pitlochry primary would be able to accommodate more pupils which in turn could lead them to closing smaller surrounding primary and nurseries.
354. Not an option.... slow death of school and community. This is the backdoor closure route.... well done for it as an option!
355. I feel this will extremely hinder our children's potential. Introducing new school, teachers and children can be overwhelming and in their final year of standard grade exams this would be detrimental to pupils success.
356. Too far to travel.
357. It was quite unsettling to move school in 5\6 years especially as these were important exam years. Studying in public transport is not an option if you do not travel well never mind the time taken. Moving in S4 would have a huge impact on exams which are already a stressful time without having to move school too. The impact on the community would be immense. The lack of school provision to S4 never mind 5\6 would have a huge impact to whether families wish to move to the area.
358. My own kids lived in XXXXX and were bussed to XXXXX. This at least was a relatively short journey to cope with after school activities, social life etc. But it had a dampening effect on ambition, gave rise to safety and discipline issues. Breadalbane is far further away and reached by roads prone to flooding and RTAs. I find I'm reluctant to travel to

Aberfeldy area myself now for these reasons. If I was a parent I would be repeatedly concerned.

359. Although not ideal, I think this is a practical solution. S4 pupils are old enough to travel to Breadalbane alone. My only concern would be the potential for this to further put off pupils who already struggle at school and that as a community we see an increase in the number of children leaving school early. For the long term prosperity of the community (and I hate to say it, keeping antisocial behaviour down) is important that young people stay in the education system as long as possible. As a rural community, we want our youngsters to do as well as possible and leave with the skills they need to become valuable members of our community, not become discouraged or disaffected.
360. Definitely a bad option - for Pitlochry, the school kids, their parents and the local community.
361. No.
362. This really cannot be allowed to happen as it is effectively will kill an element of the local community - alternative use of the building will generate nothing.
363. No!!!
364. From my experience this will hold students back as teacher never communicate and things will be missed or duplicated. Plus it's nice to have some qualifications already as some students cannot cope with travel etc. and drop out of Breadalbane.
365. This idea is rubbish as it would put too much pressure on 4th year pupils in a very important time of their education also I don't understand how they could choose subjects in one school to study in another doesn't make sense.
366. This is not an option really as is unfair on pupils changing teachers and curriculum mid education and does not justify the schools existence.
367. Bad idea.
368. Not forward thinking for the blossoming of Pitlochry.
369. Build a bigger school so Pitlochry High pupils do not have to move after 4th year.
370. More disruptive given Breadalbane can't accommodate, more buses and more disruption to pupils at both schools.
371. Huge loss for community.
372. No.
373. I feel this is a daft idea, difficult for time for the children to move.
374. Bad option. The school needs investment, not further drawn out consultations.
375. Poor for community.
376. Moving schools is hard. This would be no benefit to the pupils in the run up to them competing there final exams. Extra travel, new class mates and new teachers.
Frightening!
377. Moving pupils before their first set of important exams I think is unsettling and would have an impact on exam results.
378. No!! Terrible idea!! Breadalbane is not the answer!
379. Terrible option. It is already unreasonable that S5&S6 pupils have to travel further afield to complete their education, making S4 pupils change school during a year of important exams would undoubtedly have a negative impact on their results, affecting the performance for P&K as a whole.
380. Pitlochry is already a demographically unbalanced community. Take away the school and then even fewer young families will live here. And Aberfeldy Academy needs competition, parental choice to raise standards
381. The children would be better off moving in S3 so they aren't moving half way through their NAT 5 preparations.
382. Understand the rational for moving before starting exam prep. However additional journey time, and fitting in to an already established year group may be counterproductive.
383. Doesn't really solve any problems
384. Not keen.

385. This is a ridiculous idea. Why on earth would it make sense to interrupt children's secondary education half way through???? In terms of available subject choices differing between Pitlochry and Breadalbane, through to planning of future careers, and adapting socially to a new school at a critical stage in their education, I cannot see any merit in this plan. Particularly given Pitlochry's excellent academic performance, which I strongly feel would be disrupted and badly affected by this plan. Parents would choose to send their children to Breadalbane from S1 instead, and it would effectively end secondary education in Pitlochry.
386. Doesn't make any sense during a crucial year for 4th year students.
387. This is not a viable option. The school is at the core of the town and anchors the community - without this Pitlochry becomes more of a sham tourist town unable to attract families with children who want to live and work in the area. The school is a significant size and it is simply incredible that closing it is being seriously considered. I fear that the word 'review' is just a euphemism for automatic closure after a token consultation process but I sincerely hope not.
388. Closure in other words. Moving S4's would effectively close the school as S1-S3 families would choose then to send their children elsewhere.
389. No very bad for the community.
390. It's would have a very negative effect on pupils who are at a very important point in their education, working with teachers who know them for the first 3 years and are preparing them for exams in S4 then moving to a whole new schooling system with staff who are not familiar with the pupils would be very disruptive and if I was still a parent I would think this a very bad option and should not be considered. The S1 to S3 pupils would still need to be educated in the building which would need to be brought up to standard so this is not a sensible option on any level.
391. Pupils should not move in their exam year, this would impact on their emotional wellbeing.
392. Please develop Pitlochry school to a level that makes it suitable for all learning up to 6th year of secondary within our local area. Even better to include wider community learning facilities. This would be ideal and would provide great benefit to our community.
393. No. Don't agree with moving them in an exam year. Too unsettling.
394. This would be a regressive step for the children, their education and for the community. It would be a harmful move for the children: to complete 3rd year at Pitlochry and then have to make the transition to Breadalbane Academy in 4th year lacks sense. It would be unsettling and it is unlikely that the pupils would achieve their expected results in their Nat 5s. Not a viable option.
395. A dreadful option. Moving pupils for half way through their course work is dangerously negative. Changing school, teachers and a new social circle at this stage with the addition of a bus journey is more likely to have a negative impact on learning and put pupils off continuing with their education. Results could suffer
396. This would leave a huge gap in the community and have a negative impact on other schools in the region.
397. This is not a good time in pupils' education to change schools.
398. No not good option.
399. Not in agreement with this option, the School role would be cut by a third, more children are needed in the Secondary, not less.
400. Two transitions from primary to secondary then secondary to Breadalbane a lot for the children to deal with.
401. This would be detrimental to the school as occupancy lowered and therefore even more likely to be closed. Families will settle in other areas with secondary schools from 1st-6th year.
402. Despicable idea, as a former pupil who made the transition of moving to Breadalbane at this delicate age it is an awful transition. I feel it really affected my studies and relationships. I know it's not only felt by me, it's a common theme amongst ex pupils who have made the transition. It forced a lot of my peers to 'drop out' long before they

possibly would have been allowed to continue their studies in the school they began their education in. The road to Aberfeldy is dangerous. Between Pitnacree and Grandtully where you go along the river side where there are no barriers between the road and the river is so dangerous. The extra transport on the road is a serious worry for me. I am extremely unhappy and uncomfortable with the thought of my children traveling twice a day.

403. This would exacerbate and accelerate the falling roll.
404. No, no. This would only cause more stress to the pupils as they get nearer the end of their education, and if choose to leave after S4, they have had a change for only a year. Taking these pupils away from Pitlochry would, as already stated, have a detrimental impact on the community, but mostly for the personal lives of the pupils.
405. Stagnation.
406. This would further divide the community of young people in Pitlochry and deny the younger pupils further older role models, improving aspiration. It would make the secondary even more of a second class option.
407. Why would P&K Council commit children to disadvantage through more travel for their education? Secondary school age children are considered to be disadvantaged by the long distances they had to travel to school. XXXXX
408. Ridiculous idea. Totally destructive to education of our young people. will put people off moving to Pitlochry and cause mire people to put their kids to Breadalbane in year 1 and destroy PHS.
409. No.
410. No, no, no. Breadalbane is already over stretched and special needs pupils get overlooked. This would have a huge impact on: the environment because of the increase of children being shipped out, out of school activities and family time as there would be less time. Many of the families work in either the hospitality industry, tourism or the theatre and have unconventional working hours - a local schools means that these families spend more time together.
411. The impact on the community would be devastating and should not be underestimated. The school is part of our community and works in partnerships at all levels. It helps retain the soul of our community. There is nothing more disheartening to see young people standing at a bus stop at 8am in the morning or returning late into the evening. We can't presume that they will want to engage in activities or clubs/groups in a town that will appear to have rejected them, nor will they contribute to Aberfeldy. It is like we would be 'shipping them off'. Simply not good enough for our children/young people. There would also have to be a real shift in the ethos at the receiving school towards the children/young people from what I hear!
412. Absolutely not - this would, in my opinion, have a detrimental impact on the education and exam results for all children involved. The roads are not suitable for additional buses, the winter maintenance budget for Highland Perthshire has been cut putting all road users at an increased risk, the environmental impact of transportation is high - the negatives are most definitely outweighed by any slight positive of moving to BCC.
413. This is a retrograde step. The A827 is a difficult road and it would mean a significant increase in journey time especially for pupils living north of Pitlochry. Strongly rejected!
414. No. We need them here for as long as possible. 3 years of 2 hours a day spent on a bus I'd detrimental to mental and physical health.
415. This would not be a viable option in my opinion; there seems to be no point in a pupil settling into a school for 3 years before upheaval to another school for the most important year of their education. This is too similar to the current set up which is not beneficial to Pitlochry students, especially those that live in the more rural parts of the catchment area.
416. Bad idea - this is far too much time for kids to be spending each day on a school bus
417. No Pitlochry wants its own 6th year school. The journey over on a bus is not easy- early morning, late home, both in darkness during winter. Pupils who are travel sick have a very bad experience twice a day!

418. Impact of the kids would be minimised if they are moving post S3.
419. Nope.
420. Awful idea. Moving at s4 when exams when they are inevitable and you can't drop out. This is an awful idea. There are already too many pupils at Breadalbane.
421. The thought of moving S4 pupils is madness - these children will be settled at PHS and preparing themselves to sit exams which could decide what they do with their futures. Such a move would detrimentally affect the health (physical and mental) and wellbeing of these pupils. It would also deprive the community of the youth and put off families from moving to the area.
422. The worst possible option. All Senior school pupils should be educated in Pitlochry. The bus journey to Aberfeldy is a very long twisty road and pupils could be subject to travel sickness and extra tiredness especially during the winter months. Pitlochry pupils would not have access to extra-curricular activities which is an important part of education.
423. As this is the current situation I think the effect on the local community could be better. My Pitlochry class and I do not feel comfortable in the Aberfeldy community and so as a result the majority of my class have no relations within it. I am an active member in my local community and was one of Pitlochry-moving has destroyed that.
424. Not good.
425. This is not an option I would consider supporting.
426. Not too sure who this would benefit.
427. I like Breadalbane because it offers Gaelic Medium Education, but I would be concerned about whether my own family would fall into the catchment area. If not, we would have to fight to be allowed attendance at what would by then be a more crowded school and would likely have to fund or provide our own transportation from Kirkmichael.
428. This would be very disappointing as children have enough changes at this age and need to concentrate on studying.
429. This is a terrible idea. Moving pupils from one school to another at this crucial stage of their school career would be extremely detrimental to their learning and to their confidence. It would be extremely disruptive.
430. This is an awful option right now. Anyone who has children will understand that to send them on an near one hour journey morning and afternoon (average round trip to Aberfeldy 2hrs!!!) is highly detrimental to the well-being, learning ability, after school activities, family life and general energy levels of the child. Taking into account the variable weather and road conditions and the distance some of these children will be from their parents in an emergency this option is terrible.
431. This is the first step to school closure, an immediate and clear result being that parents see exactly what PKC intentions are, closure by stealth, signalling an intent to dis-invest, and so will self-perpetuate class role reductions. This option 5 but on a longer time scale, and having worse consequences for those children "left behind". An excellent way of forcing parents to close the school by default - hope the individual suggesting this gets a nice performance bonus.
432. This is a retrograde step. The A827 is a difficult road and it would mean a significant increase in journey time especially for pupils living north of Pitlochry. Strongly rejected!
433. Awful idea. The children are an integral part of the community and moving them to a new environment with new people, new classes and new teachers in the middle of their classes makes no sense whatsoever.
434. Any move to reduce the school capability would have a big detrimental effect on Pitlochry. Local confidence in the town would be lost It would be seen as a step towards option 5.
435. Absolutely not. The journey to Aberfeldy from Blair Atholl every day is bad enough for 2 years and this time period should definitely not be increased.
436. Moving pupils to a larger school after their first exams provides the children with an experience of a larger school prior too many pupils going on to third level education and the working environment. However after school activities should be available to PHS pupils in the same way as those offered to Breadalbane pupils (a bus timetable to

accommodate after school activities and no charges on buses after the school day). A fully transparent review should reveal the positive impacts of retaining a central service of education in Pitlochry, including the very high attainment by pupils in exams and the wide extra curriculum activities offered by PHS. A positive outcome of the review should remove the insecurity unnecessarily being imposed on pupils and their families and future families considering living in Pitlochry and possibly potential employers.

437. This equates to closing the school. It does not help with the problem of low occupancy - it actively lowers the occupancy.
438. S4 is an important year and the move could be detrimental to these pupils.
439. Not in favour as it is much better for pupils to continue secondary at the same school.
440. Don't like this. Why would you want to move your child for possibly their last and most important year at school!!
441. I previously attended PHS and moved to BA for 5 & 6 year. I believe this had a detrimental effect on me as I had to leave at 7:30 am and return home at 5pm. A long day at 16 and even longer at 15 when it is a crucial time for exams. Fitting on homework, sport and activities was a juggle with being so tired from such a long day!
442. Bad for the community, as the quality of education at PHS would suffer. Good teachers of particular subjects would not want to work in a school that only goes to S3.
443. This would not be good for the community as it would not be good for the pupils. The school would not be able to attract the best teachers as they would not be teaching to exam level and the children's education would suffer. Families would not be attracted to the town.
444. This is taking all the young people out of Pitlochry which are so important to our local community and businesses.
445. No. Pitlochry should be used for all school children whatever their age.
446. If this option is adopted, pupils will not stay on at Pitlochry Secondary. Staff would be demoralised and families would move out of the area. This is not a viable option at all and no point in adopting it any way.
447. This is not a viable option and I am really disappointed that the impact of the catchment area has not been considered. This would mean a 2 hour daily commute for our children and I would love to know how this meets the councils education standards. It would mean a lack of opportunity for our children to take part in after school activities, it would have a massive detriment to their health and well-being and makes parental engagement impossible.
448. Not a good idea, I think this is a short term option where longer term the school would still just get shut. A strange option in comparison to other Scottish schools as it is having it end at 4th year, having it end at 3rd year wouldn't be sustainable for the future and a translation to Breadalbane at a younger age. Community would suffer also as 4th year pupils must add a lot.
449. Absolutely not!!!!
450. Negative impact on local community, negative effect on children in secondary.
451. Superficially, this option might appear to have an advantage over the current (poor) arrangement by providing a bit more time for adjustment following transfer before life-changing examinations. However, the shift from S3 to S4 already involves a substantial ramping up in work levels. Adding a transfer at the same time would be a risk to student welfare. This seems a poor option for the teachers at Pitlochry.
452. This option will have a disruptive effect on pupils; transitioning to Breadalbane part way through their secondary education just before they make their final choices at National 4/5. It will also determine where new families choose to settle; if there is only secondary education provision up to the end of S3 families will be put off living in the area, choosing to settle out with Pitlochry, nearer to Breadalbane, and, in turn, the community will suffer.
453. This option is ridiculous. S4 pupils are already stressed with exams. To introduce a different school, different syllabus, different teachers, routines and peer groups at this stage will result in a distinct drop in achievement and a greater number of pupils leaving education which will be detrimental to their future employment and lives.

454. The entire structure and management ethos within PHS require serious intervention to allow any form of learning at PHS whether it is Primary, Secondary and what level of Secondary this goes to.
455. I am not in favour of this option. I feel that S4 pupils should be able to continue and finish their education at the same school they started in. This would have a terrible impact on the wider community as the school is seen as one of the community hubs and a pivotal part of the community. Many parents would struggle to get to the school if their children were sent elsewhere which would impact on parent teacher relationships. Many parents rely on public transport and getting to and from the school could be problematic.
456. Not acceptable.
457. Under no circumstances.
458. A bad option. Parents would not accept this option. It does not give Pitlochry High School a future.
459. This is what I had to do and I hated it. Eventually I settled in but I didn't fail any subject until I went to Breadalbane. This lengthens the school day for pupils and has a negative impact on their education if for no other reason than being tired.
460. Worst of all options. Families will not be attracted to Pitlochry in the future.
461. This just reads as closing by stealth. Our community and young people deserve investment and improvement.
462. It was only in the 60's Pitlochry got 4th year, why take it back.....maybe to bump up Aberfeldy's numbers?
463. This would have a negative impact on Pitlochry moving family's out of the area.
464. Not a good option. Travel on country roads especially in winter is not comparable to city schools.
465. This will have a negative impact on children especially the children who will have to travel for over an hour on a bus to get to school and too get home. It would be like a child doing an 8am to 5pm job. It will negatively impact on study time and children's moral.
466. Why should children from Pitlochry have to travel 30miles a day to go to school, think of the transport needed and the effect on the environment.
467. Would be an utter disaster. Don't do it. Although theoretically CofE means s1-3 and s4-6 are grouped, realistically there is still kept teaching toward Nationals occurring in S3, and link up is never going to be good enough that Pitlochry pupils are not disadvantaged Vs Breadalbane pupils (like current s5 situation but significantly worse). Also makes a nonsense of Pitlochry school and everyone can see this would just be a gateway to making it unviable and forcing it's complete closure. Would definitely lead to people leaving in S2, if not simply at the start of secondary. Also not sure what would use the building for, suspect would lead to a real waste of the building. Would be a real loss to the community in the long term.
468. No to this option.
469. Why would this be considered as an acceptable option? PKC - you are OUR Council - why does it feel as though you are the opposition? Nobody, but nobody, would choose or want this to be an option for the benefit of their child's education. There should be embarrassment and shame from a local authority suggesting an option that makes Pitlochry High School invisible on all counts.
470. Bad....too much travel, you give less options for students....some are better in a smaller school. All this penny pinching is slowly killing off areas and should be stopped. Children are the future and should be invested in, rather than used as yet another money saving option.
471. Nope.
472. Not a good option and will lead to closure of the school fairly quickly.
473. Making the building more of a community campus would be great for the area, not sure about bussing pupils to Aberfeldy from such a young age.
474. Not an option.
475. This is an appalling idea it's the worst age you could ever uproot a child!!!

476. This is not a viable option and indeed is an admission that the current situation (S5 pupils move to Breadalbane) is substandard, which I agree. The best option for children at Pitlochry is to include S5 & S6 at Pitlochry. Under this option 4, facilities and teaching at Pitlochry through to S3 would be reduced. No other school in Scotland has this potential arrangement and this is not acceptable. This option 4 feels like option 5 (closure) in stealth. I am concerned that the morale of teaching staff at Pitlochry would be impacted as the Pitlochry (Secondary) School would have no attainment or results targets. This would have an impact on the teaching quality and therefore have a detrimental impact on the education provision for our children. This is a sub-optimal option that is focused on cost reduction, without wider consideration of the teaching environment for our teachers and children.
477. This is not a viable option as it would fundamentally disrupt pupils at a point in their learning pathway when stability is required. Whilst some pupils may cope there would certainly be a detrimental impact on others especially those with additional support needs. We have a societal responsibility to all pupils.
478. I see no benefit in this option. It makes the school even less attractive to the community than at present. Also, it would require pupils who are not academic and intending to leave school at 16 to travel to Aberfeldy for their final year, with no apparent benefit to either pupil or school.
479. This is the second worst suggestion made. This would lead to a loss of teaching staff at the school which would lead to a drop in numbers. Subsequently, young adults starting families would leave the area to ensure their children could go to a school nearby which would reduce the number of working people and services in the area. Pitlochry as a community would be substantially reduced and the loss of taxable income to the area would be significantly reduced.
480. This is one step closer to closing the school which would be a disaster for the town.
481. This is not the best or correct solution. The travel disruption has to be avoided.
482. I think S4 is too much of an important year with exams to expect the kids to move to a different school.
483. This option would force more children to travel reducing education in the local community. It is not an option we would agree, or one that supports the local community.
484. Absolutely not - tiring adds to length of school day & makes it more difficult to participate in after school activities.
485. This option would be a direct negative to the previous options.
486. People in the community realise that this option is simply option 5 by stealth.
487. Not preferable, concern at the continual decline in school. Would make the case for it to be a primary only school stronger.
488. Not the best option.
489. Very poor option. 2 hour (or more for outlying area) bus journey even earlier in school career. Impact on community & likelihood of families moving into the area.
490. It is preferable to be able to study S5 and S6 in Pitlochry. Remote technologies should be used to increase subject choice.
491. Not an option that I would consider viable.
492. No!! Travel issues, social issues, community issues.
493. Poor option - pupils should not move @S4, need to develop new relationships at school, new peers a critical time, as well as transport issues.
494. Dangerous. Fast-road for school children to have to travel each day.
495. Would be detrimental and would ultimately lead to closure.
496. Loss of families moving into the area = lower workforce = whole town decline.
497. Ok idea.
498. This wouldn't work because pupils might leave for Breadalbane in S1 so they don't have to fuss about swapping school in S3.
499. Why extend the day of a pupil unnecessarily.
500. Very bad it would rip out the heart of the community.
501. This would ultimately lead to the loss of the high school.

502. They will knock it down to build more houses, we do need housing, I myself have been stuck in a XXXXX, never been offered, but more houses mean bringing more folk to Pitlochry, lack of jobs for one but will people want to move if no secondary or another retirement housing area.
503. No: Breadalbane pupils do better in N5s than those in Breadalbane, so why do that? It makes no sense whatsoever.
504. P1 > S3 continuous development would be good but it would make sense to continue this right the way through to S6.
505. I am opposed to this as I have stated in my previous comments. The pupils are not welcomed in S5 & S6 so why subject them to hostility 1 year earlier from both teachers & pupils.
506. This will have a catastrophic impact on the local community. Families will move out of the area and businesses will suffer. Pupils who require to travel will suffer - schools should provide more than just academic education. Pupils will be less likely to engage in ex-curricular activities.
507. Not best option.
508. This would create a ghost school, mean more children would have to travel further some exceeding the maximum 60mins travel time for children in rural areas. It does not improve the condition of the school for remaining pupils nor for anyone else using the premises.
509. This is not a good idea, involving children in the same class in separate schools - S4 pupils good at helping S1 friends & family settle in.
510. Absolutely against this! You will be condemning Pitlochry to a slow death.
511. Definitely not for the reasons stated overleaf.
512. Probably the best option.
513. Less bad than 5.
514. A less attractive solution.
515. Losing children at this age not a good idea.
516. I see no benefit to this option. For downsides see option 5 below.
517. This is also not a bad option but mine have enjoyed being at PHS for the 1st part of narrowing subjects and being with familiar teachers as they prepare for nation 5 exams.
518. No! Dreadful to move children at such a vital and critical point in their education. Expecting them to leave and then get used to a new school is impractical and cruel.
519. Moving S4 pupils at such a critical stage in their learning and just before the exams, seems to be a real waste, I feel this option shouldn't of even been entered into the equation.
520. Yes.
521. Negative impact - unsure of how that will work - S3 and will encourage families out of the area.
522. Definitely not GIRFEC moving at such an important school year.
523. S4 - moving at this time in their education is not appropriate. If they move children at S4 and review Pitlochry this will end up with closure.
524. I cannot comment as you are not explaining your "review" thoughts.
525. Historically S5 & S6 have travelled to Breadalbane and have been seen as outsiders from the outset. It has been difficult - often impossible - to take part in extracurricular activities. Travel is a horrible experience, adding 2 hours (unproductive) to the school day & causing intense nausea in cold, rickety buses with breakdowns common. Our children are ill & exhausted by this already. Let's not subject even more pupils to this.
526. This option will result in the closure of Pitlochry High School. Pupils are likely to be transferred to Breadalbane at S1 by parents and carers to avoid the transition at S4. This should be viewed as a catastrophic under investment in the Pitlochry community by PKC and would have devastating impacts on the town. Closure of the school (as would likely happen) would result in a drain of families from the area, further eroding community structure. The loss of working age parents would also devastate local businesses. There are already recruitment problems in the area (e.g. vacant nursing posts at the local

hospital remain unfilled). Any option that threatens the closure of the school should be seen as a dereliction of PKC's community to support and invest in rural Highland communities. Furthermore, the likely result is that younger children are forced to endure lengthy journeys to and from school every day. These will erode their links to the local community, have detrimental impacts on their mental and physical well-being, and likely result in poorer academic performance. As such, the impact on children of closing the school will be profoundly negative.

527. This option would almost certainly result in the closure of Pitlochry High School, as parents would move their children to Breadalbane at S1 rather than forcing them to transition at S4. This would have a negative impact on the community as the closure of the school will reduce the number of families wanting to live in the area, erode community cohesion (for which the school has a major role). Knock on effects are likely to include fewer families moving to the area and the related economic impacts of working age parents not being available to fill vacancies in local businesses and services.
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6) Option 5: Close Pitlochry High School (Secondary) and pupils move to Breadalbane Academy.

Comments

1. As a sufferer of travel sickness this is my worst nightmare!
2. Hard pressed families will not be able to afford the extra travel when public transport is missed or fails.
3. Closing the school will impact local service economy by not attracting young families to the town.
4. How will Pitlochry keep families here if both parents and children must commute? Does Aberfeldy have the capacity for people who would move?
5. The council could build more affordable homes in the catchment.
6. Extra stress and pressure on families to meet the timetable of public transport.
7. With dualling of A9 is Perth as good an option as Breadalbane for transport links?
8. My job is not in the area and with no school why would I stay in Pitlochry? The town average age would creep up.
9. Link-up with Highlands University to give S5 & S6 a view of further education. What courses could S6 take part in if linked to university?
10. Just awful for pupils at school & future of Pitlochry.
11. School closure... what's next? Closure of the medical centre? Theatre? Supermarket? Who will stay if the town stops being attractive to families with children?
12. This is the worst possible option – option 5. Keep Pitlochry catchment pupils, from P1 to S6 all in Pitlochry. Send S1 – 6 pupils all to Breadalbane and P&K Council drives a stake through the heart of this community leaving a town very young children & generations – which will never bring more jobs & houses here.
13. This should not even be considered. 1) Local children need to be educated locally. 2) It is part of the community as a “family”. 3) The community (adults) can get involved with a school in many ways.
14. I don't know anyone who thinks this is the best option. Why remove a vital service from the heart of the community.
15. If this option is chosen then commission a long-term study on the impact of commuting on rural pupils and their education and life choices.
16. Are you mad!
17. Close Pitlochry School and it will be the death knell of the town.
18. If option 5 is designed to destroy Pitlochry community then it will definitely succeed!!
19. This option will make Pitlochry a holiday/ retirement town! Number of 0-19 year olds will decrease further.
20. Pitlochry, the town that is visited from people all over the world, deserves a good school for the future population.
21. Negative community impact. Families more likely to move away from the area. Who wants to sit kids on a bus over walking to school? Those families support the structure of an aged population and keep a vital balance in the town.
22. Definitely not.
23. Sharing of resources between the different schools other than the things that are necessary on a daily basis like library, teachers, special courses? So that perhaps everyone has to travel but sometimes only?
24. Travelling time in winter would be considerable with potentially a number of days lost for all Pitlochry children. The community will be considerably affected by families moving away to where education is more amenable.
25. Moving pupils to Breadalbane – very dangerous road to put 3, 4, 5 buses on twice a day. Pupils misbehave on buses – I had 2 children make this journey in S5 & S6 – I know. Lack of buses to do this. Buses clog up the road and irritate other road users. Dangerous for every road user.

26. Transport is horrible makes days even longer. Winter was by far the worst; left in the dark came home in the dark, saw no daylight. No chance for after school activities. Major impact on the community, people move closer to Breadalbane! No!
27. Impacts on children's after school activities no back from Aberfeldy in time or hanging around in Aberfeldy until time for activity!
28. Absolutely not. The worst part of my children's school life was the bus journey to Breadalbane. The behaviour of some of the pupils on the bus was really distressing to all the others.
29. We must retain our secondary school. Investment not retrenchment!
30. No. children would not continue with their after school activities. Pitlochry would be a less likely place for families to settle causing a decline in economic activities.
31. This option appears bonkers to me. It will not have any investment in the local community and can only have a detrimental impact. The welfare of our teenagers should be paramount and busing them to Breadalbane has all sorts of implications, particularly in winter.
32. No secondary school! Young children unsupervised travelling: boredom, tiredness, bullying. Longer day will affect after school activities. Aberfeldy road unsuitable for large buses.
33. Hands off our school! This option will kill our community – it will have a negative effect on educational attainment. It will force more to leave.
34. Terrible idea. I live by Calvine and I don't want my children on a bus from 7.30am – 5pm each day. They'll be travel sick, exhausted and have no time for homework or extracurricular activities.
35. This cannot happen. The increase to our children's day is not acceptable. No time or after school activities.
36. This cannot happen. This will have an adverse effect on the community as a whole. Families will not move or stay in one area if no high school. Increase Pitlochry's already aging population!! Transporting all these children to Aberfeldy will increase traffic on an already busy road. Weather conditions in winter, safety of children!! Increase bullying on buses!! Our children's safety must be considered!!
37. Not an option. This would be dreadful for Pitlochry as a community. Children should not have to travel to Aberfeldy for their education (after choosing to live in Pitlochry). Dangerous to start shipping that many kids on a bus on those roads (A9 included) especially winter. Days would be too long (almost a working day!). This doesn't include homework hours. How can this be helpful to their education?
38. Terrible idea!! It will be the death of Pitlochry. Ripping the heart out of Heartland!!
39. This is the worst option. Better to develop PHS and Breadalbane as distinct centres of excellence with pupils attending PHS from Breadalbane as appropriate.
40. If you close the secondary school, you will turn Pitlochry into a retirement village. Families will leave the area. No new families will come into it. Services will decay.
41. This should not be an option. School is central hub for community cohesion and must be retained. Use modern technology and use teachers in a more flexible way in which they travel, not the pupils? If the school closes – Pitlochry will continue further to being a geriatric ward for retirees – with increased requirement for NHS expenditure.
42. Not an option! Adds too much to school day. Affects out of school activities. Will kill community and businesses in Pitlochry. Also affects learning of primary and nursery children from specialist teachers.
43. Closure will have a devastating effect on the community! Families won't move here. Employers will struggle to find employees as why would people move here with no straight through school?
44. Are you mad!! How can this be good for a community? How can this be good for our children? How can you even consider this option?
45. Travel arrangements impact on – bussing extra 112 current pupils plus all extra between now and closure is not environmentally forward thinking. The knock on for those pupils mentally/ physically. Losing out on after school activities due to the fact that they have to

- sit on a bus stationary for up to or over an hour! Twice a day. With their heads in their phones!
46. How can a child benefit educationally from an hour commute a day? Evenings will be dinner and bed. When will homework be fitted in?
 47. This makes no sense: 1) PHS pupils receive a very good education here and do well in exams. The teachers here know each child individually. In Breadalbane class sizes will be increased and more anonymous, less help. 2) Travel time for some will be over an hour – this for some causes tiredness and cuts into evening study and activity time and therefore impacts on achievement. Also cost of bussing kids over and additional teachers etc. 3) businesses in the town are often setup by younger people with families. People like this would be put off from moving here and setting up their businesses if there's no school.
 48. Is the predicted number of school children in the next few years really that much higher in Aberfeldy than Pitlochry?
 49. PHS consistently performs better than Breadalbane at S4 level, why ruin that?! PHS Children that move to Breadalbane for S5 & S6 consistently are voted in for Head boy and girl.
 50. No.
 51. Crazy!
 52. Pupil impact – Huge! Negative. Heritage and sense of community so important to self-esteem and self-confidence. Closing Pit. Secondary will dissolve this extremely important source of mental wellbeing in this digital age.
 53. An extra 2 hours travelling for over 100 children will take its toll, limit the time they get to spend on homework and out of school activities.
 54. This would be the worst option for our children and town. People would no longer wish to move into the area. Travel time for our pupils would be awful especially in winter.
 55. Educational benefits? No. The school currently performs so well with great academic results, great young people. Why lose this? It'll not benefit. We should be using virtual facilities and move the teachers between Aberfeldy and Pitlochry instead.
 56. This is not the right option as it causes trouble on transport for the children. Pitlochry is big enough to have its own school.
 57. Worst case scenario. This would be a major blow to Pitlochry and surrounding area.
 58. We moved to Pitlochry for a better family life, because it offers so much for all ages – closing the school will “kill” the magic of this town and all it offers and just reduce it to all the other “sad” Scottish towns. We don't want our children to have to add on travel time to the school day either!!!
 59. Need strategic thinking beyond education on rural impact. Pitlochry is well served on rail and road transport and yet loses on education provision of Aberfeldy. Need strategy to grow and not just assume projected population.
 60. Pitlochry would decline dramatically. We need more families more investment and work for people.
 61. Young families would be unwilling to move to Pitlochry.
 62. Town of Pitlochry void of an S6 secondary would permanently harm its position as a desirable community.
 63. Not a very good idea. This would have a very negative impact on pupils and the wider community.
 64. Children benefit from connection to place! Has proven effect on understanding of wider world later. Pitlochry HS is a much better academic experience than Breadalbane. Education and its quality should be PKC's priority.
 65. As a pupil who moved at S5 stage I struggled. I cannot see how the massively increased distance/ time to get to school in S1 is possibly seen as viable. 10 hours/ 150 miles+ is too much for any 11/12 year old.
 66. No. Would have a huge effect on the community. Massive amount of travel or children (for 4/5 years) unable to participate in “afterschool” activities etc. etc.

67. No families would move into the area. The town would become a retirement village which would die.
68. It would only be worth closing the secondary school if the school was used more as a community hub. It would drain Pitlochry of working families so that they could be nearer their children housing in Pitlochry would encourage families to move in.
69. Not a good option, building up of relationship especially those who are needing extra support it would make them vulnerable and possible loss of confidence. There is a caring atmosphere in PHS and hope it can continue.
70. Cannot see any logic in moving pupils to Breadalbane – what benefits can this bring?
71. This would lead to the slow death of the town as a viable community.
72. As a parent of a child with additional support needs this option disgusts me! A consistent, stable educational environment helps those who struggle to excel. My child is thriving here. I don't want to add a long journey and unfamiliar environment into XXXXX day. This would be a huge set back in XXXXX education. Consistency and the excellent teacher staff with small class sizes is a perfect combination to support the most vulnerable.
73. This option would be the death knell of our community. The effect on young people travelling for 2 hours more would be bad for their education and denies their social (groups and clubs) development have to travel some distance and their would make the problem worse. I know, I had to travel 1¼ hrs to school.
74. Would discourage families moving to the area and possibly for force families to move out.
75. Not an option at all. The community school is a huge part of life for former/ current/ future pupils and wider community. Removing our school will rip the heart out of our community.
76. Families will not choose to move here if there isn't secondary provision.
77. Option 5 is completely unacceptable. Our children should not be forced into spending 2 or more hours a day on the bus. This will have a hugely detrimental impact on their mental health and wellbeing and can only have a negative effect on academic performance. We have a great high school – to close it and inflict these travel arrangements on our children would be a crime!!
78. Travel times unacceptable, especially for more rural areas of catchment. Too long a school day. Children unable to access after school clubs as won't be home in time and cant access those in Aberfeldy as parents would need to collect.
79. The community will lose all its young people and no new families will come to the area if we can't educate future generations. The town will die if the heart of its younger generations is ripped out!
80. Option 5 will have a hugely detrimental impact on our community. Young families will not move here. Current inhabitants will move away. We will lose our workforce and young people. We must not allow this to happen! This is the worst possible option for the whole community.
81. Transport implications are horrendous – travel from Dalnaspidal to Aberfeldy?
82. Would kill after school clubs for Pitlochry kids, also damage existing links within the community. Mental health effect of 4 hour commute for pupils north of Blair Atholl.
83. Community needs school presence – existing links would be lost, pupils would close to town identify with the school. Not an option.
84. Option 5 – our school is too good to be closed. People wouldn't move in to leave here.
85. Pitlochry as opposed to Aberfeldy will be less attractive for young families looking to move having a serious effect on our rural community. Takes pupils out of the community. Travel along rural roads is a worry. Attainment effected because of transition.
86. Travel not good. No option to join in after school activities. Once PHS closed there would never be an opportunity to re-open.
87. The town would turn into a 'holiday town' with nothing for local families or kids to do. Kids would get bored. Awful road to travel every day and night and for extracurricular activities.

88. This would be the 'death-nail' for the community. It would have a huge impact on the town and it would become a retirement/holiday place, which would impact on property prices etc. Pitlochry has a good infrastructure and a decent school would help the whole area.
89. If option 5 is considered then the bigger picture will come to fruition. The local population will continue to age. The town will become less attractive. Job prospects will decrease. House prices could decline.
90. No.
91. Not acceptable the journey would take an extra 1½ hours from the day – won't be able to join after school clubs.
92. Absolutely not an option. If I wanted my child to sit on a bus for a 1hr and a ½ I wouldn't live in Pitlochry. This impacts safety and child welfare.
93. No way. Death to community.
94. No way. Not an option!
95. Not an acceptable option in any way at all. My 12 yr. old travels for an hour to attend PHS, this is a school in a rural catchment area! Add then a further 45 minutes to travel to Aberfeldy... Option 5 could not possibly be sustainable or safe for our children and will result in the breakdown of our community as families will not live where their wee ones well-being is jeopardised by an unnecessary gruelling journey to school.
96. Not a preferred option, as it is vital for small communities to invest in young people to keep them supported and stop the further aging.
97. Not an option – 12 year olds are too young to face the long journey to Aberfeldy each day and what about those who don't travel well? No opportunity to participate in after-school activities.
98. The travel required is Highland winters would be completely unacceptable for the pupils. Without a secondary school the community and community/after-school organisations would suffer e.g. pipe band/ scouts & guides/ afterschool clubs. Giving a poorer quality of life for our children.
99. Completely unacceptable – my child vomited XXXXX and daily medication is not an option.
100. Please "no" – the school has to be considered by families living in the area – the numbers have been falling and would further decrease if no secondary school.
101. Dangerous road from Ballinluig to Aberfeldy > buses/ may lead to accidents. Bullying on buses...
102. This in no way would benefit our pupils or our community.
103. This would have a significant negative effect on the town as a whole as the menu of choice for people looking to move here.
104. Crazy.
105. This would be terrible for the school and town. The primary even uses the secondary teachers for art, music, PE etc. so what would happen with them? This would also affect the community because a town this size should have a secondary – many of the towns workers might look to move elsewhere. All those children being bussed isn't efficient with time and money. There is also a slot of bullying on the buses.
106. This would not benefit pupils or community. Housing key to much of this. Plus sport facilities as this is what young ones think of as key to so much. Nightly frequently.
107. No way!!
108. Pitlochry High School is a vital part of it rural community. Invest in the buildings, bring S5 & S6 back and enable the local children and families to thrive.
109. That would be madness! Don't do it!
110. The worst idea you have. Have you looked at the Breadalbane results (S4, S5, S6)? Please provide information with school outside Perthshire > Breadalbane under performs.
111. No. If you do not have a high school you will discourage families from moving to Pitlochry. Children are the future of Pitlochry.
112. Ability to be involved in Pitlochry community events.

113. A disaster. Taking a school away from a community would long term reduce attraction of Pitlochry and loose sense of community. Luck is hard enough to build on. Will affect travel time, students and parents and reduce them.
114. PHS is a good school and has better reports than Aberfeldy (which has often been dysfunctional). Why send our children to a poorer option?
115. Not an option. I moved to Pitlochry 30 years ago mainly because of the school. Closing the secondary school is crazy. Encourage more families to move here!
116. Leaving your school to travel to Aberfeldy for our final 2 years is such a crazy thing. Let our children stay here and be proud of their school.
117. Too long a commute at age 11. Children too tired to study and they miss out on afterschool activities. Parents may miss out on activities e.g. parents evening as so far away.
118. Pupils hate having to travel for 5th & 6th year to make them do it for all of their secondary education would have a detrimental effect on their futures. Travelling for 2 hours a day for school impacts on their learning abilities, after school activities and the chance to be children.
119. This would not improve our children's education. It would alienate kids from their families and local community. It would demotivate families to move to Pitlochry. PHS is well placed on the A9 between Perth and Aviemore. Crazy talk to close the secondary school.
120. This would remove a large piece of the heart of the community. The effect could only be detrimental to the town.
121. This would make very long days for children in outlying areas for six years. Would put them off education, wouldn't have a life. The amount of buses on the road, safety issues, emotional issues on the kids. Not an option.
122. Definite No! No! No! Having pupils as young as 11 having to travel there and back to Aberfeldy every day is a nonsense – also means no young families will want to move into Pitlochry!
123. Absolutely not. There has been a secondary school here for many many years, and a very good one, and to ship everyone to Breadalbane is just ridiculous. S1 2 and 3 are too young to endure the travelling. Considering the facilities in Perth at present it is time to spend money on the rural schools instead of closing. When the decision makers move on, as they usually do, the community is left to sort out the botch! Closing this school must not be allowed to happen. We have seen it with the hospital (closing the Atholl ward so soon after it was built).
124. I feel this option would be a last resort. Moving schools was very disruptive and I know this is taking an impact on my grades, and mental health. So, moving before secondary even starts is far better than moving at exams – but I dislike Breadalbane and it is already so crowded there isn't physically enough room in the corridors to move > so by instead transforming PHS into a campus and having S1-S6 is the superior option. By making it a campus, would finally supply entertainment to younger generations (and older) by having the facilities to actually do stuff to have everything here would attract more families, and therefore would increase occupancy.
125. Detrimental to the community of Pitlochry. Community hospital is struggling to employ nurses this will make it even more difficult. Families will not want to move to the area. Teenagers struggle with tiredness never mind having 6 years of long commutes on a horrible windy road in a bus. Road has been closed on a few occasions recently due to vehicle fires/ accidents which has caused pupils to be late for school or late home. Pupils cannot get a late bus if doing after school activities at Breadalbane. Parents have to pay for bus if they cannot pick up child; some buses terminate at Ballinluig not Pitlochry. Parents may be unable to collect child if they take unwell at Breadalbane as not every parent drives/ has car?? What happens to these kids – surely they cannot be sent home on public transport – to which they have they would have to pay as it is not a school.
126. Bad roads in winter, Breadalbane often shut when PHS is open. Statutory right to education.

127. You will kill off the town if that happens. No XX. No one applying for employment.
128. Would you really transport pupils from Dalnacardoch and Trinafour all the way to Aberfeldy from the edges of is ?? Shame on you for considering this. Would you travel these distances to work.
129. This is bad for Pitlochry. It discourages parents with children from moving into the area. We need to expand Pitlochry opportunities.
130. Not an option: local industry workers need a local school that doesn't involve lengthy journeys.
131. Would be a bad idea – we need to encourage families to move in to the area – removing a secondary school gives a negative vibe.
132. Care homes would close if there is not a school.
133. Pupils from a distant Calvine/ Struan/ Dalnacardoch/ Dalnaspidal etc. Should not be expected to engage in further travel.
134. Not an option. Bad idea. Makes it harder for people with non-conventional working hours to have a local school i.e. Theatre, hospitality (hostels etc.).
135. Please remove the word “closure” from the options.
136. Will the Council pay for our buses so we can take part in extracurricular activities? Or will we be prevented trying new things if we can't afford it? At current there is 1 bus that goes to Pitlochry, if 1 was to stay for an activity. People from Blair Atholl can only get to Pitlochry. Pitlochry gets better exam results and gives more support to pupils so why put more pressure on others schools (who are performing worse than Pitlochry academically) making 12 year olds commute for 40 minutes, each day, as they enter important years of school seems pretty counterproductive to me. I, a 16 year old, find the journey brutal and it wipes me out daily, so how would a 12 year old react?
137. This is not an option. I'm opposed to. Bus (school) routes need to be improved and finances put into to reduce journey times... separate busses for Strathtay etc.
138. Too many pupils at Breadalbane that is already struggling. Breadalbane will become less able to know their pupils especially those with special needs. There will be too much traffic in Pitlochry if sending pupils to Breadalbane.
139. Children being transported to Aberfeldy for the entirety of their secondary education will have serious health consequences as participation in after school sport by current Pitlochry S5 & S6 is negligible due to the excessively long school day with an 2 extra hours due to transport.
140. Not a good option. It would begin the process of decline for the whole town/ community. Families wouldn't move here. Communities need all ages to thrive. We should all resist this at all costs.
141. Option 5 would be devastating for Pitlochry. Without a school in Pitlochry it will prove impossible to recruit younger families to the area for Health/ Social services. Jobs. E.g. nurses/ carers. The community hospital would be unlikely to survive.
142. School closure = less attractive town for people to move to. Less people – will be difficult to fill jobs – businesses will be affected. Tourism drops – town dies!
143. Option 5 is the worst option. There can be no educational benefit from this option. Only bus companies benefit from 7hrs – certainly not children enduring 2 extra hours of travel.
144. Forcing pupils to wake up earlier and have less time studying shouldn't be considered.
145. This is not an option.
146. This would be a disaster for pupils starting their secondary education. Even S5/6 pupils struggle with tiredness and travel sickness with buses taking an hour on unsuitable roars. Pupils have almost no opportunity for after-school activities. Also disaster for high Perthshire.
147. I would rather home school my child than choose this option. My other children did not do well there and one of them has gone on to do a PHD! And the other a degree.
148. School is not a good option for closing it long days travelling for the children and will affect the community for a lot of families.
149. Terrible idea for all sorts of reasons. Journey time not appropriate for younger pupils – waste of time they could spend on activities plus very bad for environment, plus

- dangerous road. Loss of school would be devastating for community as people would not move/ stay here with young families. School is vital part of community and it is an excellent school all should be valued.
150. Absolutely not. The effects on the local area would be disastrous. Far too long a day for the children. Pupils from out with Aberfeldy would miss out on after school activities.
 151. What about after school clubs/activities – how do the children get home? Some parents could collect but some do not have transport.
 152. I sincerely hope school does not close. Very long day for the children concerned. Please find the money to bring school up to scratch.
 153. Definitely not – this would impact detrimentally on Pitlochry community. Few young families, couples would not move to Pitlochry – it would become a retirement village. Few post school age people to work in local businesses, doctors surgery etc. Fewer people to look after the elderly. Disaster for a lovely community of 2,700!
 154. This is not an option! Do not close this school. The idea is ridiculous!
 155. Do not like this option. Families would not come to this area to live – too long day for 12/13 years old – to leave in morning + return in evening.
 156. I am absolutely against this option. It would be a long school day for my children if they had to travel Breadalbane each day to attend school. I feel this option would also have a negative impact on Pitlochry and the surrounding area, as it would discourage people from moving to the area.
 157. This would make too long a day over time s1-s4 pupils. Considerable adverse effect on revenue expenditure + higher rates – having to pay for extra buses – road congestion + fuel waste.
 158. Not an option. Far far too far to expect a 10/11 year old to travel 5 days a week. It would ruin a small community population – no one would want to move to a quiet village with no local high school.
 159. Simply put this is not an option. We cannot expect 11-12 year old kids to travel up to 3 hours on top of their school day. Pupils will not thrive in this environment. We are far too rural an area to have one high school.
 160. Very very bad option. The school is the central hub of the community. If we lose the school, we will lose the community. People will start to move and will certainly not be encouraged into the area.
 161. Pitlochry High should be a central hub/campus. It's the heart of a community. Improve the building + allow it to house proper leisure facilities and S5-S6. Closure not an option for rural children!!
 162. This should not be allowed to happen. Not everyone lives in Aberfeldy or Pitlochry. My children had to leave home at 7:10am and not back until after 5pm. This was 16 years – how would 11-12 year olds cope?
 163. Very bad option. Serious length of travel time involved for children/teens when also expected to do homework in evenings on top of the long day. Travel time eats into time for pupils to join after school activities/clubs etc. and may be on later buses (on their own) if they do participate.
 164. Risk of attainment numbers falling due to older pupils having to travel and study. Less input from pupils into local Pitlochry community + surrounding area if everybody is focused in/around Breadalbane. No local school – drive folk to move out of area/and lose young demographic.
 165. The school is central to the community & its uses can be further developed to accommodate this. It is too far to expect 11 year old children to travel to/from Aberfeldy from Blair Atholl.
 166. Even the idea of this is ridiculous. How much money will it cost to provide more buses? How is asking our children 20-30 miles each way a day helping their education. Long travel, long days, no or little time for after school activities, homework.
 167. Very bad choice. Will destroy the community. Families with young children will look to move nearer a school – leading to an aging population in Pitlochry area.

168. S5 & S6 are the most valuable years in terms of education. As a former S6 pupil from Blair Atholl it is hard enough moving to a new school, trying to fit in whilst studying hard for exams and enduring 2.5 hours of travel a day. Plus always being treated like an outcast as you're not from that school.
169. Very bad option. Meaning a lot more travel time for kids to & from school.
170. Bad option – I speak as one who travelled to Breadalbane in the 70's. Makes a long day – children from rural areas often furthest to travel + chores to do at home as it's a way of life.
171. Not possible if you take into account travel time for some 2 hrs each day on a bus. Not considered enough is the problem for pupils when they go to Breadalbane being treated as an outsider.
172. We absolutely object to this as a viable option. It will devastate Pitlochry as a community.
173. There would be a huge knock on effect with local population choosing to live/work elsewhere. With A9 and improved rail network we need a new school (improved).
174. Closing the secondary risks losing the following: Pitlochry HS has a fantastic ethos and community spirit. It is a great place to go to school as a pupil or work as a member of staff. Pitlochry also clearly gets it right academically for its pupils with consistently very high attainment compared with virtual competitor schools or with PKC average attainment. The school also has a good community links with individuals and businesses across Pitlochry and the wider PKC. School events such as BBQ's, sports days and the always mobbed community cafes (with pupils widely involved) are a huge asset to the community.
175. This option cannot be taken seriously. Children have the right to attend their local school. The physical and mental health implications of forcing children of 11 into a daily commute of up to 2 hours need to be considered. Having a school so far from home limits opportunities for pupils and separates them from the community.
176. Not a good solution for the children, staff or the community.
177. Detrimental to the community and also more children being moved about by bus adding to their school day. More children on the roads in bad weather.
178. Massively negative impact on the local communities, families and local employees who would struggle to recruit people with families. Pupils – not advantageous to have so much time travelling. Increase costs of transport and negative impact on environment. Pitlochry has better transport links already (trains). Pitlochry would struggle to attract families generally so primary numbers would fall too.
179. Families may opt to move to Aberfeldy area, particularly those who are moving to Highland Perthshire.
180. This would be a terrible choice for our pupils and wider community. Currently support from ex pupils is significant and contributes to our school community. This would be lost. The sense of 'belonging' and 'benefits' this produces cannot be under estimated and illustrates the very positive value that individuals feel about themselves and our community as contributing citizens through Pitlochry High – to be praised in fact not closed!
181. Can't see how this would be educationally beneficial. Currently the pupil's attainment is much better at Pitlochry.
182. This would be devastating for school community. Our school is at the heart of the town – pupils identify with Pitlochry. Take pride in it.
183. Terrible for the community (additional comments: Not an option! Agree. Agree).
184. Closure of Pitlochry High School (Secondary) would have a detrimental effect on business within the town. Pupils would be making longer journeys which may have an impact on their learning.
185. Terrible idea. Would mean closing one of P&K's top schools in terms of results and the death of the town for young people. Environmentally terrible too.
186. Our results in S4 are significantly better than Breadalbane's – why close the more successful school?

187. Rural areas have smaller numbers – to meet needs and respect community needs you need to invest and keep the school.
188. Depopulation/devaluation of town. Employers struggling to fill vacancies.
189. This would not be done in the best interests of the pupils as the academic achievements and personal development the pupils have here is excellent.
190. Not keen.
191. Loss of our secondary school means loss in our wider community i.e. Employment, family support, working with others, GIRFEC. This is a successful school with staff who really care.
192. Two lost hours per day spent travelling.
193. Families choose to live in rural community because of the support they get from schools.
194. Closure would cause massive damage to our rural community – job losses in school would lead to people being forced to move and young families not coming to work in the area. A community needs its school.
195. The community would never be the same and pupils would have a very large commute. Not beneficial for anyone.
196. Ill-conceived and short sighted. Our secondary school plays a massive role in the community and to lose this would have a detrimental impact on new families moving here.
197. It would cause significant travel times – travelling 2 hours each way for pupils in remote glens. This would damage their ability to study and take part in sports etc.
198. Safety issues with pupils travelling for up to two hours every day.
199. Why? Our results indicate a successful school. We have carried on for years without being upgraded and brought into the 21st century – time for Pitlochry to have some council funding.
200. We need the school to retain young people in the community.
201. PHS results are better than Breadalbane so it is not in pupil interests.
202. What about the 'Financial Impact' of 75ish jobs lost to the community?
203. 11 year old pupils should not be spending 2 hours in a bus unnecessarily.
204. Far too far for many pupils on a daily basis. You are adding at least a 2 hour journey for pupils every day. At the age of 12, this is a lot. Many ASN pupils could not cope with the extra-long days that travelling to Breadalbane would make. It will kill the community and wider community. It will not be attractive to families to come and live in Pitlochry/Blair Atholl and further afield.
205. That affects me because I am close to my brother. And I have friend in secondary and I don't want to split up with them.
206. I definitely think it is a bad idea because I would like Pitlochry High School to keep going.
207. No because pupils would have to travel to Aberfeldy.
208. Absolutely not!!!! You are wasting a perfectly good school if you shut this secondary! Upgrade and make it better don't shut it! (I would not like to go in S1!).
209. Definitely not. I think this is a really bad idea. So many people live just over the road from the school and walk every day. It would be hard for the environment because we'd have to get buses. One of my best friends parents are teachers and they would lose their jobs and the family might move away. It would separate friends going to different schools and would be horrible. So many amazing and kind teachers would lose their jobs and I'd hate it. Lots of families would move to get closer to school and Pitlochry would lose its colour. It would have a huge impact on me for the reasons above. I'd also be at a different school from my sister.
210. I don't think it would be a good idea because you would have to travel a long time every day and you won't be able to go do afterschool clubs.
211. I do not like this idea at all because too far away you may be doing lots of different types of clubs after school and if that happens it will leave a lot of impact.
212. I absolutely disagree for closing the secondary because this will affect me.
213. Bad I XX because I like this school.

214. It would affect me and my teachers because the primary would have more room but the secondaries would move to a different school.
215. No!!! I think we have a chance because if we make the catchment bigger poorer people will have a chance.
216. No! I don't want to because I want to stay and I don't want to move to Breadalbane until I get forced to.
217. I do not agree with closing the secondary.
218. Don't to close it because it's a waste of building.
219. I would not like getting a bus every day and I would not be able to go to my hobbies after school, (I would not like being away from my family).
220. I don't want this to happen as it will mean getting a bus.
221. I don't like this option because this is the school I have been at it for the whole of my life and it is really near to a lot of people's houses. Also if we went to Breadalbane it would be a much longer day.
222. I think it will be a bad idea because it is a waste of space in secondary.
223. I don't want this to happen because I might lose all of my friends and also I don't like the playground and you won't know other people.
224. I don't like that idea because I don't know what will happen to the secondary.
225. I'm not sure because it will be less crowded.
226. I don't want this to happen because I spend half an hour walking to school and don't want to drive also might lose friends and bully is at Breadalbane.
227. I don't like it because I get confused so it will not be good because I take a long time to get ready.
228. Nope, No, Non, Nien, Nah, Ni, Het. This will be fatal to the community because people won't move here because children wouldn't have a school to go to. Travel. Teachers will lose jobs.
229. No thanks! The school is a big part of Pitlochry. Also teachers who work at the school would suffer if the school closes.
230. I would not like it if secondary got closed because I want to go to secondary in this school and I really like this school.
231. No. I wouldn't want to close the secondary because it would affect my mum and dad's secondary teachers job because my dad is a XXXXX teacher and my mum is a XXXXX and if we had a after school clubs it would be a long way to drive.
232. No because it makes the school day much longer.
233. Definitely not. I love Pitlochry high school. You need Pitlochry high school.
234. This would probably give me a better education but would make life a lot harder having XXXXX younger brothers trying to get us all to school.
235. This will affect me because next year I am going into secondary and then moving school could change my learning ways with new teachers. Taking a bus as well would make me take a bus for a long time and then in snowy weather it would take even longer.
236. I think it's a bad idea because it's a waste of space in the secondary.
237. I think that this is terrible as Breadalbane would get a lot crowded be unhelpful to people living far away from bus stops and the school.
238. Bad because there would be less pupils.
239. No because in S1 you will have to go.
240. No I don't.
241. Bad because it will suck.
242. I don't want this to happen because I lose all of my friends.
243. I think that is an ok idea because Breadalbane is a big school and there is more subjects. But I do like it because there would be more space in the school and nursery would have more space and to make the diney bigger.
244. Not a good idea at all because you would be tired by the time that you got to school! This is because of the journey...

245. If S4 pupils move to Breadalbane Academy they might not be able to do after school clubs because they have to go home. It would also mean that you would have to spend 2-3 hours on a bus.
246. I wouldn't like to move to Breadalbane because I can't be bothered to get up earlier to get a bus.
247. No, because that would be terrible.
248. I would hate that.
249. Definitely not! Most people are local that come and people don't want to travel to get to school and eventually everyone will move out of the town and it will become a ghost town.
250. Not a good idea! But if it did I wouldn't mind cause it's a sport academy and I know lots of people there.
251. Please don't do this one.
252. Not a good idea!!
253. Bad idea.
254. Bad idea.
255. No I think it would be a bad idea because we would have to get up early and get back late.
256. No! You expect me to get up at 6 in the morning for an hour long bus ride no chance. What are you going to do with the school space, if you're making the primary bigger that's too big, just keep the secondary!
257. No. because in my opinion people think Breadalbane is the better school because it's got a lot of facilities. What about homes? Parents working late?
258. No, I do not think this is a good idea.
259. I hate this option because it will affect younger people in primary/nursery when they move up and there would be a lot of people on the buses if this did happen. If somebody was sick and their parents could not come over what would they have to do? Apart from go back on the bus and be sick the whole journey.
260. No, don't do that it's good to have a school near my house.
261. No way.
262. We wouldn't be entitled to buses and could bet kicked off because S4+ are priority.
263. I would not like this option because I would have to travel for 1 hour.
264. No, because people don't want to travel for 40 mins x2 everyday so that's 4 hours a week.
265. No! Because if people want to stay here and have a family then there would be no school for them and if you close the school why should we shop in Perth and support your city.
266. This would be pointless because the school building would be left to rot.
267. Don't let us go to Breadalbane. Let us be home schooled. And because it is a bad school and we don't get the good grades that we would get here.
268. ☹
269. ☹
270. Noooo!! We need our school open and no one wants to go to Breadalbane.
271. No because I do not want to travel all the way over there and this school is fun.
272. No thank you.
273. No, because the teachers lose their jobs. People won't want to live here. No! That's not happening.
274. No. Travel, community, putting people off living here, teacher's jobs.
275. No. Because teachers in the secondary would lose their jobs and there would be a lot of travelling difficulties. It would also put people off coming here because there would only be a primary.
276. The buses would be too full. Breadalbane would be too full. A lot of people get travel sick on the road. It's a silly idea. Teachers/parents would lose their jobs.
277. No. Teachers lose jobs. Travel difficulties.
278. No way!!! I hate busses!! Not happening!! Teachers will lose jobs!!

279. X
280. Very bad. This would make lots of new problems arise, transport, the amount of people with kids in the community would go down, teachers might get worse jobs and it be hard on the primary pupils.
281. No, because I can't be bothered.
282. Definitely not!!! Because for most of the pupils we would have to get up early to get the bus to Breadalbane and it wouldn't feel the same any more, in Pitlochry without a secondary.
283. This might affect me because I would like to stay at Pitlochry High School for a bit longer.
284. No thanks! Don't shut the school! Build a new school with the facilities we want.
285. Not a good idea as then people will need to move halfway through their school year.
286. No means it will cost more for parents.
287. No. Why would you want to put children in a class of 30+ when you can have kids learning more in small classes like at Pitlochry. I highly disagree, the school is part of the Pitlochry and the community, it is where so many opportunities happen for people in the school, including starting a career for pupils. The school has started my career, so why not let the school start someone else's career.
288. The impact of this would be catastrophic!!!! The bus arrives at 8:30 I don't want to get a bus at 7:50 it's just bad not to mention the new environment. I hate this option out of all others!!!!
289. Learn that is gonna be a big fat no from me dawg, worst idea since electing Trump!
290. No thank you! There is absolutely no reason for going to Breadalbane if we don't have to: the classes are small here so we get all the help we need/want, we get the chance for lots of after-school activities because we live close to the school whereas, at Feldy we'd have to spend loads of time on a bus aka, no time for extra-curricular activities.
291. We aren't able to go to extra-curricular activities after school as we would have to pay to get the bus back. Exam results aren't as good at Breadalbane.
292. Absolutely not ☹️
293. It would be one of the worst ideas possible as about 150 pupils move to a new school at once, bus drivers would also be a major issue.
294. This is a really bad idea. It's a No from me. This will make concentration levels of pupils lower as the long bus trip early in the morning is tiring.
295. Don't close the school. No! Because Pitlochry is like a home to me.
296. No thank you! The school is important to have a secondary because less far to travel.
297. This is not a good idea.
298. No!!! Pitlochry High School is the first school I have ever come to when I moved to Scotland and it holds so many memories for me. I also live a few minutes away from the school and it would be annoying to travel for about 20 minutes every day.
299. This is the worst idea that you could come up with, it's well known that Pitlochry has better exam results than Breadalbane, as well as the fact that you get to know the teachers a lot more here and they get to know you as well, which means they know how to help you. You also have to consider the fact that Pitlochry people couldn't do extra-curricular clubs, because we'd have to catch the bus back.
300. Don't want my wee sister getting on a bus at 11 by herself to Aberfeldy.
301. Don't do it!! It's a lot of effort. Exam results will lower. Might cause depression & anxiety.
302. Not a good idea ☹️
303. Bad idea. Hard for children getting early buses from 11 years old. Bad for community. If secondary closes then if people had the choice to go to Aberfeldy or Pitlochry they would probably chose Aberfeldy as it goes to 6th year.
304. Not a good idea, don't do it.
305. This is by far the worst option and is appalling that it is being seriously considered.
306. Definitely not! This is the worse idea! Why would you even consider this?? It makes no sense. Feldy Bad! Pitlochry Good!
307. Closing the school would affect the community of Pitlochry.
308. That's just a longer bus trip for a worse education.

309. No, Bad idea. Pitlochry has better pass marks (exams) than Breadalbane Academy (making Pitlochry the superior school ☺).
310. Nope, bad idea, really bad, worse than that. 0/10
311. If all else fails yes, school is unsafe and might need closure.
312. No this is a terrible idea. No need to shut the school.
313. Could be better trans process however Pitlochry has much higher pass marks compared to Feldy thus proving we are far superior.
314. Bad idea. Pitlochry exam marks are higher than Breadalbane + I don't want to go to classes with druggies.
315. Bad idea as families will move away and new families will not move here as there will be no secondary.
316. I don't think this is a good idea because the Pitlochry community would be impacted on a major scale as everything the school has done will fall and the area will become deprived.
317. No I don't want to fail my national 5's!!! The teachers at Pitlochry are amazing – so dedicated. I would definitely fail at Breadalbane! No!! No!! No!!
318. No I don't want to fail my Nationals and I would at Breadalbane.
319. The bus takes time out of our lives. We know the secondary school even when we're in Primary. Have to pay for the bus back to Pitlochry if doing after school clubs at Breadalbane. Just no.
320. No, no, no. this is the worst idea ever. This school is amazing!!
321. I would highly dislike this as I'd have to get up earlier for the bus and I would have to go further to get to school. So no, I think this is a horrible option.
322. No because you get grades in secondary.
323. You are crazy! Pitlochry gets better test results so if you even consider shutting a high performing school to put us to a lower performing school there is something wrong!
324. No because primary's would have to move, waste of time. Also no point parents making their kids go if live in Pitlochry, just outside or locally.
325. No, this would mean classes are even bigger and you might not get 1 on 1 like in slightly smaller classes.
326. No this is not a good idea as teachers in Pitlochry High School will be left jobless.
327. No.
328. Teachers will lose jobs. No families would come here. The town would turn into a retirement home.
329. No, because teachers would lose their jobs and there would be no younger children in Pitlochry. It would become a ghost town.
330. This is a bad idea as Breadalbane's pupils would vastly increase. Parents would also send their kids straight to Breadalbane rather than bothering to go to Pitlochry and this would destroy the community. The bus journey to and from Breadalbane takes about 2 hours, this is time pupils need for studying. It's annoying.
331. I don't want it to close because as I said we would get very tired and makes you miss more time at your house.
332. If this happens, we will all become unhappy. Pitlochry will suffer from a depression as no one will purchase the new bonnets the tweed shop is selling to raise profits for the codgers from Balhousie.
333. Very bad idea. We love our school.
334. Would help the people moving to S1.
335. It may end up destroying Pitlochry, meaning less people will come to the area. It will decrease confidence if primary pupils as well as make new friends meaning a lack of focus. Shatter the community as well as the support network of the school increased transport costs.
336. Think would be a shame cause Pitlochry is getting higher results than Breadalbane so if you were to move then your chances of exam results may be lower.
337. No, definitely not a good idea. Bad for their education definitely not good idea.

338. Would Breadalbane be able to support all the pupils from Pitlochry? Support at Breadalbane is awful, and they surely won't be able to cope with larger numbers. If they do move to Breadalbane, better support or staff for UCAS, college for S4,S5,S6 leavers and apprentices much better.
339. This is not a good idea because this means that more people will have to travel for longer each day. This means that families will move away from the area, decreasing the local population.
340. Easier transition. Pitlochry would turn into an old folk's home. Cause no one with kids would come live in Pitlochry.
341. It would mean that in the future there would be no transition stage at S4, which would be good. That means we have more time to be with classmates instead of being aliens when we come over.
342. This may not benefit pupils academically as it may seem overwhelming to move to a big school into fuller classrooms compared to the small very attentive classes that they are used to. It may also affect Breadalbane negatively as it could seem them not being able to keep up with behavioural needs due to them not knowing a child as well as their own school. Pupils may find it difficult to pay attention in bigger classes and their literacy and attendance rates may fall.
343. As answer to last question, would be less disruptive midway through education, however adds extra time to day and would be massive loss in community. Less youth in town, families with older children will be moving away.
344. I think that this is a big mistake, not only would it affect pupils travel times and education, it also affects housing prices in Pitlochry and how many people would live there.
345. Distance is way too long. Younger children will not benefit. Breadalbane would have to provide better support. It's hard to do after school support because bus takes over 1 hour to get back home.
346. I don't think this is a good idea because Pitlochry is a rural school and pupils would have massive distances to travel to get to school, also teaching in Breadalbane, whilst it is better in some departments, in general at Pitlochry I found the staff much more helpful and classes were taught better.
347. I don't think this is a good idea as pupils (S1-S3) most of their parents are unwilling for them to travel. Not as important during stages of S1-S3 (no exams).
348. I think this would be good as there is less stress.
349. Community will be angry.
350. Too many people at Breadalbane.
351. S1 is definitely too young to get the bus, and I think most children would not like this and it may discourage people in moving to Pitlochry. And I also think this would take away from the primary as the primary use much of the secondary facilities (music, French, PE).
352. I think this would set a really dangerous precedent and hugely impact on the Pitlochry and surrounding community. What message would this give to those families currently residing in the area, or those we may be considering moving to the area? It would be a death-knell and a sure sign that the decision makers have given up on rural populations. Worst possible decision.
353. All of above with jaw hitting the floor. No, no, no, no, no. So wrong. The school is an incredible example of community strength and it is amazing how well it is doing despite being disadvantaged on a material level in so many ways since burnt down and replaced....where is the school that should have been delivered...if the council had invested properly over the years we wouldn't even be having this review. The strength and character of the staff and pupils shines through and should be celebrated not stamped out. It is so short sighted. It will be needed more than ever in 5 - 10 years from now. Open your eyes PKC and think ahead. Think big.
354. Again this would result in pupils spending time travelling - in winter almost certainly losing much of their education due to roads being impassable. Even when roads are fine, there is still a considerable time that would be spent travelling. In terms of the

impact on the wider community as well as on the pupils, parents will inevitably move to other areas where their children can be guaranteed a positive learning experience without excessive travelling time, leaving Pitlochry a town of retired people and tourists. Young people should be at the heart of the community. At present the young people can enjoy a positive educational experience, gain work experience and qualifications in their current community.

355. Would be a disaster to the community of Pitlochry and make life as a parent and pupil hell.
356. 2 hours a day travelling will take its toll on the children and allow less time to form friendships at out of school activities.
357. Tough at that age to move school and integrate into a new one.
358. Pitlochry will cease to attract young families.
359. A very bad option which should be resisted.
360. The loss of the High school would be a disaster firstly for the pupils, who would face a much longer commute and be unable to take part in after school activities due to the length of a normal school day being increased by up to 3hrs for more remote families in the Pitlochry catchment. Secondly for the economy of the town, possibly bringing a decline in families moving to the area. As one of the few rural towns with a railway station which allows parents to commute by rail it would be most frustrating not to also have a High School to encourage families to the town.
361. That would be the worst scenario. I feel it's too much for 12 year old to travel every day. They wouldn't have time for their after school activities. Pitlochry as a town wouldn't be a good place to bring families in.
362. How can this be beneficial, think of the amount of buses you would need to transfer pupils and how can the council pay for that but the money could go into the school to improve it. Also how long there day would be.
363. Best option, give the kids more opportunities and let them start high school with everyone else..... Not half way through. I know no matter the decision with Pitlochry school my children will be going to Breadalbane, even if I have to drive them myself, as I want the best for their future and I don't think Pitlochry high school will ever compare to Breadalbane.
364. No definitely not why should our children be subjected to that horrendous journey every day.
365. Nope, not an option in my eyes. I don't feel that you are taking into account the smaller schools within the community. My children would need to travel 3 hours a day to get to and from high school and at the age of ten/eleven that would be stupid. I would be better and quicker moving them to a high school north, Kingussie for example.
366. Not an acceptable option for a town of this size and risking future capacity problems for Breadalbane as both towns continue to grow.
367. Not an option. Younger children having to spend too much time travelling to and from school, and all at a cost to the local tax payers to P&K makes for false economy. After school clubs and sport activities would be compromised as no transport once school as finished to take back to Pitlochry and surrounding areas.
368. I strongly oppose this option for the welfare of the pupils in the existing rural catchment...they do not need to travel an excessive number of hours daily for 6 years of education. This would have an adverse impact on their wellbeing, concentration and their education. There are no shortcuts from many of the rural communities within the existing catchment for PHS to Aberfeldy to attend Breadalbane Academy. As a former pupil in this situation, 2 years of travelling over an hour each way to Breadalbane was more than enough, and I can't imagine I'd have coped with this at 11-12 years old as well as the transition to secondary school.
369. Not a good idea, this will have a negative effect on community. Not to mention added pollution and congestion on the local B roads between Pitlochry and Aberfeldy due to mass increase in bus travel. Pupils from Blair Atholl/Calvine etc. having 40+ minute commutes to and from school at the ages of 11yrs old is ridiculous.

370. Not an option. A town the size of Pitlochry needs a secondary school. This is been on the plans since the school in Aberfeldy was built. That is why Pitlochry school is not to standards. The maintenance has been neglected to give reason for closer. It's an ageing population in this area now. If the school closed it's not going to entice young families to the area. How can you expect children to have an 8 to 10 hour School day. This would be the case for pupils north of Pitlochry. At 11 years old as some kids would be starting S1 that's not doing anything for their education life or health.
371. Then the town of Pitlochry will be full of pensioners unable to contribute to certain areas in the community that families can. A town the size of Pitlochry needs a good school providing education from aged 3-18.
372. Not acceptable.
373. Absolutely not!! Travelling is horrendous, long days, lost snow days, all hugely detracting from the level of education received
374. I am surprised this is even an option. I am a former pupil and the move after S4 was a tough one, but you were more mature and therefore the impact was less. Travel time, earlier mornings, losing the ability to interact with class mates outside of school, limiting the options of after school activities will have a huge impact on pupils who are being asked to move at the younger age of S1. PHS has always been an integral part of the community but without council investment it will not flourish. I left PHS 20 years ago and not much has changed since then, in comparison to the huge changes and investment at Breadalbane.
375. Unacceptable. Closure of the school will lead to a decline in the town, as it becomes harder to attract parents to the area as staff, decreasing the number of residents under retirement age. This will have the effect of turning the town into one where the population are increasingly elderly, while a small number of people commute here to work, rather than becoming resident members of the community.
376. Again a disaster for the community. Families would be less likely to move to Pitlochry. Problems recruiting staff would follow. House prices would fall. There would be too big a proportion of the elderly.
377. A stressful move at a critical time for students. Adds a 2hr plus travel burden at a critical time, eating into time for studying. The community loses its school, does not attract families to the town, resulting in an aging population, additional healthcare burden and reduced investment and spending. And the town loses a resource for multi-purpose use.
378. Mentioned above
379. Not an option if you close the school you take away the heart of the community, Pitlochry needs its own school has had for many a year, if proper maintainable and building of the school had been done we would not be discussing this now.
380. Poor option. Travel times excessive, tears heart out of the local community. Reduce attractiveness to incoming families leading further to the village being seen as a retirement home.
381. Can see the benefit as Breadalbane is a lovely campus however this would drive families away from area and cause serious issues to the community around Pitlochry
382. No way this is so tragic that you have even put this up as an option. As I said the school is the centre of the community and I thought this government wanted attainment levels to rise and I have been told that all children are entitled to attend a school in the community. You can't have 1st years that are young waiting in the snow and cold and rain for buses that is not acceptable. Sounds to me this is some money saving plan and it is not acceptable.
383. This would be disastrous for pupils, locals and the business community for the following reasons: a) Children having to travel to Breadalbane from such an early age is not feasible. The cost and organisation of buses, keeping the children safe etc. Having travelled this as an S5 and S6 pupil many years ago, it's not a great start to the school day and I feel negatively impacted my education. b) Services and Housing - to remove the secondary school in Pitlochry will mean that there will be no growth in other areas to provide services to the local population. It could have a negative impact on existing

services. c) local businesses will lose out on custom from school children and parents. Small businesses may be forced to close.

384. Why you think this is a good idea is beyond me! Close our school so PKC can save a few quid? That's what it boils down to despite how it's dressed up! Bus our children - what about the health and mental wellbeing of our children? What about all the environmental factors? Extra buses? The Carbon footprint? That road to Aberfeldy is awful and some children, given our catchment area, will be traveling in excess of 2 hours daily, please don't say education won't suffer because it will. Children will be too tired and many of them feeling unwell (ours definitely will as they don't travel well!) traveling and so unable to give 100% or any % concentration on their work. Perhaps the powers that be at PKC should go to the furthest point of our catchment area, take a bus daily for a month for example, there and back, work and study, then homework and study at home. What about the effects this will have on family life?? Quality evening family time, which is vital, will be gone, non-existent as children will be too tired and too busy with school work! Extra-curricular activities? No hope they'll have the energy let alone the time! This option had absolutely no backing by anyone (XXXXX) at the public meeting held in Pitlochry in September. I'd love to know how PKC can prove our children's education will be enhanced in any way by this option. It will hugely and negatively impact on our entire community, on our children's mental health, on all businesses in the area, on people with children looking to moving to the area- no one will move here only to stick their child on a bus on a horrid road to go to school! Pitlochry will turn into a retirement village which no one wants! Surely it's Time to move with the times and make and provide positive changes for our children and young people in Pitlochry. Rural cuts and centralisation of services are crippling as it is, let's turn it around!!
385. No, no no - see above.
386. Pitlochry High School is in a unique position in that it has a large catchment area for the actual size of the school. We are a sparsely populated area but our young people still deserve to be offered an education near to their home without having the arduous bus journeys that our current S5 and S6 pupils have to endure from the young age of 11. At the moment our children enjoy a close knit school community and most benefit from being at the school from nursery age right through to S4. Closing the secondary department of the school can only be bad for the pupil's educational experience and for their wellbeing. Primary pupils at Pitlochry benefit from their contact with the senior school and, likewise, the senior pupils enjoy being a part of the all through school experience. This option alone does not address the issues relating to the condition rating of the school and therefore is only part of a very bad solution.
387. This is wrong having children travelling for hours each day and has a wider issue with community. It's hard enough to get young families to move here also council tax wise we pay more per property.
388. This is a very bad option. The secondary school at Pitlochry provides a very high quality education. The fact that it is small is an asset allowing valuable relationships between staff and pupils.
389. The town would suffer as a whole. The kids and families spend money in town every day. Take them away and that stops. This could result in shops closing making the town seem like a ghost town with empty shops. This would have an impact on what tourists think and if the town looked run down, they wouldn't come. Thus having a disastrous effect on the whole town and the business here.
390. Terrible idea. Breadalbane has worse results than Pitlochry, a smaller percentage of pupils at Breadalbane sit N5s compared to Pitlochry, and fewer pupils receive the subject choices they want in S3 / S4. Pitlochry works better than Breadalbane Academy for pupils.
391. Miss out on education time for travelling and if stuck in snow missing out on classes.
392. This would be tragic and lead to an irrevocable decline in Pitlochry. Parents would move closer to Aberfeldy and there would be fewer young people to work and volunteer in the community.

393. Not an option!
394. Disgusting option, would reduce any families wanting to live in this area and community spirit would disappear. Would be devastating for the village of Pitlochry.
395. Same as for option 4.
396. Absolutely not an option. Why a community the size of Pitlochry and catchment does not deserve a campus of similar standard and facilities to Aberfeldy is beyond me. If the school closes it will undoubtedly be the death of Pitlochry, it will rapidly morph into a retirement village.
397. Personally I feel this is the more sensible and best financial option. Gives the pupils more subject choices, meet more of their peer group before 5th year and more learning opportunities.
398. Unacceptable. Do you seriously think children from Calvine, Blair Atholl and Killie etc., from the age of 11, should have to travel that far to school for 6 years? It's not just the commute to school, what about extra-curricular activities and social occasions?
399. As above. In disagreement with this option. The impact on the community would be entirely negative and irreversible. This would not foster community resilience, inclusion or cohesion.
400. Absolutely not. PHS is an amazing school in that it is small enough for teachers to really get to know pupils on an individual basis, yet big enough for secondary pupils to feel the freedom and independence they require in order to achieve their potential.
401. Would mean bigger class sizes for pupils. More travel each day. Disruption. Siblings in separate schools. Death to the community no school would not entice new families to move to the area.
402. This would be absolutely devastating for Pitlochry and the wider community... and the key word is community. The school is the backbone of our wide rural community - apart from being the obvious place of learning, it brings together children, parents, carers, teachers, night class students and those who care and contribute to extra-curricular activities. It fosters, supports and nourishes so many community initiatives (as explained in the wonderful open letter from XXXXX) all of which are vital to Pitlochry's survival. We need to have a Secondary School to ensure we can keep and encourage families to continue to live in/move to, this area. Apart from all of that the daily journey to/from Aberfeldy is totally unacceptable.
403. Again no chance!!!!
404. Significant negative impact on children in terms of tiredness from travel and lack of opportunity for engaging in after school activities. Also significant negative impact on the town. Families with children will not stay / move to Pitlochry. This policy will have a considerable negative impact on the vitality of the town, which already had an imbalance in the population age structure. Pitlochry should not become solely a town for tourists and retirees.
405. Unbelievably ridiculous option. Some pupils live a considerable distance from even Pitlochry, look after our area and the people that live within it. We're not living in a city now. The knock on effects are huge and to that point negative.
406. No! No! No! As above, but a complete nonsense thing to do....makes no sense to have, "Super School" in Aberfeldy and nothing in Pitlochry....to encourage folk to stay in the area and create a stronger community. Build a school like Aberfeldy....with community centre attached....invest in the future! These kids are the future! Make them proud of their school!!!
407. Too costly to transport all children.
408. This option should be removed immediately. Our XXXXX starts high school next year 40 miles a day XXXXX would be expected to travel. I went to Breadalbane for a year when we moved here and the commute is long and exhausting. It's almost the same distance to travel up the a9 to Kingussie without the windy roads and it would be easier to take XXXXX in the car. It's a serious option the other option for us would be to relocate before our youngest starts school. Anything to try and help our daughter. Rural schools need protecting and support it's ludicrous that closer is even an option. Some of our

pupils travel as far as Dalnaspidal to Blair Atholl that in itself in winter is a long enough drive. And the same would apply to them quicker to head north that travel those dangerous back roads. Then what happens to our school. Would we have to fight to keep our school open? Blair Atholl is a great rural school all the kids have a great bond but I fear if they close secondary there is enough room to take all the pupils in the catchment and surrounding area to Pitlochry and that puts a big threat on our small school. This would have a massive impact on our village the school is the heart of our community.

409. Breadalbane has its issues that are not dealt with.... this move will kill the community... and what a waste on PKC investment in housing in the area!
410. This would be a disaster for Pitlochry and the surrounding areas. Not only for the children and parents it would affect but also for potential growth of the town and community. This should not even be considered. Children should be given the best chance to succeed and this option would take that away from them.
411. Too far to travel.
412. This would be devastating for the community and once done probably irreversible. I cannot imagine what it would be like for the children to travel every day for 6 years, it was hard enough for 2! Pitlochry would not be an attractive place for families without its High School.
413. This seems an unbelievably crass suggestion.
414. Will rip the heart out of the community. Pitlochry is already 90% tourist accommodation, coffee shops and although this is the mainstay of our economy, residents can already feel they are in a minority. Removing such a valuable facility as the school, would make it feel even less like a town where people can live (it's already regularly noted that Aberfeldy, a smaller town has better facilities). If there is no school, it will put people off from moving here or staying to start a family and the only people who will want to live here are the elderly. Young people are needed in the town to work in all the tourist diversions and without young blood the town will finally descend into nothing but a tourist town with a transient, seasonal population.
415. The worst option. Pitlochry is a vibrant community and by moving the kids to Breadalbane you will create a burden on families that they don't want or need. More families will look to move to Aberfeldy area (which won't have enough accommodation) and local services will suffer. This option should not even be on the table. It will harm communities and family life.
416. No.
417. Absolutely unacceptable, the impact on the children is dramatic and especially at the younger ages- I did the journey for 2 years and the travel is tortuous - adding up to 10 - 15 hours travel time on to a kids educational week is really a non-starter and will significantly preclude participation in extracurricular activities - really not a starter.
418. Absolutely not 😊
419. Terrible idea. We need all our rural schools.
420. This would have a huge impact on the community as no one would want to move here with family if their children couldn't go through to secondary in one place.
421. How would this work out going forward as part of P&KC future plans on growing Pitlochry and surrounding areas re housing etc. Surely the north Perthshire area needs at the very least a secondary education facility up to 4th year.
422. Breadalbane will get over crowded.
423. No.
424. Not logic to close the school. Too much upheaval and families will not move to Pitlochry if there is no high school and Breadalbane Academy will not have the resources to cover the extra pupils if this was to happen.
425. No, death knell for community. Breadalbane can't accommodate, windy roads can't handle more buses, winter risk multiplies.

426. A disaster for the community. Less opportunity for teenagers to mix with and learn from more mature residents. Young families put off moving to town resulting in an unbalanced population with too many retired people (proportionally).
427. Detrimental to whole community and would put off potential incomers to town.
428. No.
429. This will kill the community!
430. I'm not sure why this is even an option. It seems to me that it's all coming down to trying to avoid refurbishing the school. Pitlochry is a wealthy town, why can we not have a high school? I already spent enough time on school buses (I'm from near Blair Atholl) during my high school years, and feel it's unfair to ask people from Calvine or further to spend at least two hours per day on a school bus, just because they want to attend high school. Ridiculous.
431. Worst case scenario. An absolute tragedy for the local economy and wider economy of Highland Perthshire. From a personal point of view if this happens I will have to consider moving elsewhere if Pitlochry no longer has a high school.
432. Disaster for community. Fewer families. job losses. Bad for local business. Turn us into a retirement town.
433. Strongly disagree! No word will explain what this will do to the town and the community!
434. I do not believe this is a viable option. This would involve an even larger number of pupils travelling to Aberfeldy to attend school. Having done this myself for two years of my school life, I do not believe that I could have done it for any longer. This again will not encourage pupils to continue on to complete S5 and S6. Also, the road to Aberfeldy is not suitable for large vehicles and in my time I experienced two collisions with other vehicles as well as snow days due to poor road conditions in the winter. I also found the journey particularly difficult due to suffering from motion sickness. This does not encourage pupils to want to continue attending school. In terms of the impact on the community, if pupils are going to have to travel a minimum of 30 minutes to attend a secondary school it does not encourage families to move to the area. It also does not encourage families to stay in the area once their children reach secondary school age. Being a resident of Pitlochry all my life, the closure of Pitlochry high school does not encourage me to settle in the area to start my family. Travelling to school also reduces time available to attend after school activities which are so important for building relationships and healthy lifestyles. Attending a school further away also makes it difficult for parents to be involved due to travelling after work etc.
435. Absolutely ridiculous! This would crush the entire community and the town would suffer terribly! Why would anyone want to live in Pitlochry if their children had no choice but to travel to Aberfeldy for school?
436. Terrible option. It would make Pitlochry even less attractive to parents and the extended journeys pupils as young as 11 or 12 would have to make would undoubtedly have a negative impact on their results, affecting the performance for P&K as a whole.
437. As above. Again, another "fake" choice.
438. There are probably better uses for the building that would benefit the community more. With Breadalbane Academy close by, Pitlochry seems a bit unnecessary.
439. Not in favour, a bad move for the whole community.
440. I honestly think this is the best option; the facilities are already in place to support the pupils through in Aberfeldy.
441. Not keen this would affect the community and the children .
442. This is the worst option of all. By doing this, PKC would be ripping the heart out of the town of Pitlochry. I do not want my children to be spending an additional two hours per day travelling from the age of 11. It was bad enough for my 16 year old travelling from Calvine to Aberfeldy every day. My children would be tired, travel sick and have little or no opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities (I am well aware of how inflexible the transport arrangements are for school children in Perth & Kinross). They would have very little family time after having done homework. The road to Aberfeldy is not a good one, particularly in winter, and the carbon emissions of transporting children that

distance on a regular basis also need to be considered. Your consultation shows the number of 0 - 19 year olds in Highland Perthshire declining and I am not surprised. Families are discouraged from staying here / moving here because of lack of childcare & affordable housing and now uncertainty over the future of our High School. There is no way of quantifying how many families have considered living here but decided against it for these reasons. This doesn't just affect families with children in Pitlochry, but the whole community - evidenced by the fact that we can't get medical staff to work in our GP surgery and MIU. Without encouraging families with young children to live here, Pitlochry will become a retirement / holiday village, and that would be a crying shame. We have an opportunity here to rejuvenate our town and make it a wonderful place for people of all ages to build a thriving and successful community. Please don't destroy that by closing our school. Thank you.

443. Not an option!!!
444. Similarly to option 4- the closure of the school will have devastating consequences for the whole town.
445. Rip the heart out of the community.
446. Never..... Very bad move.
447. As a former pupil of both schools I can confirm without reservation the bus journey is not conducive to starting your educational day. There is a higher risk to the health and safety of the pupils during the journey, also the impact on the environment due to higher emissions for the buses and the increased traffic on a B road will require more money spent on road maintenance. Why close a secondary school that is consistently high up in the exam results, this proves it provides a very high standard of education which would be lost if the pupils were moved elsewhere.
448. Not a viable option. This would have a devastating impact on the local community. Reduced number of families would move to the area lack of inter-generational community work. Also, life in Pitlochry would be much, much different without a secondary school.
449. No this would devastate our entire community.
450. No. I feel it is too far to travel from Blair Atholl for a child that is potentially only 11 to Aberfeldy. Too long a day. There would be children travelling even further (from as far north as Dalnaspidal). They'd be quicker going to Kingussie! There is not much for young people to do in Pitlochry as it is predominantly viewed as a retirement town - it would bring much to the community to have a leisure / community hub as part of the school. Although Aberfeldy is only 15 miles away, it's not that accessible due to the road. Most after school clubs can't be attended by Blair Atholl/Pitlochry pupils due to timings and travel time to get there.
451. This move would 'kill' the town and have a devastating effect on the community for reasons mentioned earlier. This option is not viable. The travelling time in getting to school would be ridiculous and too tiring for the children - children cannot learn when they are tired. It seems that P&K Council's education policy is to provide for a projected population growth in Perth (with it's newly-acquired city status) by building a state of the art, expensive new school on the outskirts of the city at the expense of the existing population of rural communities and the education of those children in those rural communities. In doing this, children in rural communities are being denied the education that is their basic right. If you are affluent and living in the right place in Perth and Kinross, rest assured your child will get the education they need and is their basic right but if you live in a rural community, your school will be closed and your child's right to the education that they need will be denied and sacrificed for those that already have or to provide for a projected need. The priority should be to provide the very best education at local level and sustain, improve and enhance existing schools. If that means building a community campus in Pitlochry as has been done in Kinross and Aberfeldy then build it. Why hasn't Pitlochry got a community campus? It needs one - the community library is housed in a room. Are the children of rural communities 'children of a lesser God'? Let's hope not.

452. To not have a high school in a town this size is ludicrous especially considering the size of the catchment area. Pitlochry thrives on tourism, take away the school and the town is no longer an attractive place for families. Without families you end up with an old tired town with no work force to sustain the tourist industry.
453. As above, very negative consequences for the community.
454. This would be a loss to this community which is already weighted towards a much older generation. The young people of Pitlochry deserve the choice of having a complete full-time education in their town.
455. Definitely not good having 11 year olds going to Aberfeldy.
456. Total opposition to this option, increase of cost and danger for children travelling from not just Pitlochry but the outlying areas in inclement weather, this is the thin edge of the wedge. This would deter young families from settling in Pitlochry which already has an ageing population. The Primary school has a strong population now and in a few years' time the Secondary will benefit.
457. I worry that my children would complete secondary school if they need to travel. My husband and I both suffer from car sickness and my XXXXX (XXXXX) does too. Also having to transition from one school to another.
458. Families unlikely to settle here at all and Pitlochry would become a complete retirement town. This would have a very bad effect on shops and businesses and the community would suffer badly. Facilities for locals would deteriorate and people would most likely move away.
459. Disgusting idea, Pitlochry will become a tourist town and a museum of the community it once was. It has so much to offer as a place to bring up children and live a healthy lifestyle but with no school I fail to see how families would be attracted to the town. It would be the death of a community. Apart from the dangerous road our kids would travel on daily, and we would have to travel for anything extra-curricular, not only is it a safety issue but a cost issue and what about the parents who don't have cars. It's very isolating. It's also apparent to me that there is a serious drug problem in Aberfeldy, whether it's official or not, it's real. Heroin is a problem in the community of Aberfeldy and I'm not wanting to willingly put my kids into a place like that.
460. This would be highly detrimental to the community.
461. Again, no, no, no. We have a school with outstanding results, and I will never, EVER understand why the campus was built in Aberfeldy and not Pitlochry. (A bit of bribery, back-handers, hidden agendas??!!). We have a larger population, potentially more pupils, a huge visitor / tourist population who could make use of the facilities of a community campus, bringing in revenue for the town and PKC. There are more people here to use the leisure facilities than in Aberfeldy and the catchment area, and Pitlochry residents cannot traipse over to Aberfeldy too regularly to use the facilities there. The Pitlochry Live Active Centre is not even open at the weekends, (!), or during the early afternoon, which is shameful, as this is the time when children, young people and residents of working age can use the facilities, especially those involved in the hospitality industry, who often have afternoons off, but no transport to be able to get to Aberfeldy. This option would have a devastating effect on the whole of the town for too many reasons to mention. Anyone with a bit of common sense and foresight will know the impact this would have on the town. People / families would not choose to live here knowing their children will have to travel to High School, a whole generation will be lost.
462. Catastrophic for community. Will result in drop in Breadalbane scores as children become exhausted by additional travelling of around 10hrs a week. Travel sickness and therefore absence issues. Potential increase in on transport bullying. Increased potential exposure to travel accidents. Increase in co2 and pollution levels. Reduction in house purchases in and around Pitlochry thereby reducing the pool of potential employees for Pitlochry businesses and turning Pitlochry even more so into one large retirement village.
463. This would cause irrecoverable damage to the local community and would likely lead to families moving from the local area causing economic damage and reducing further the diversity of the community. It would make any likely hood of reversing the demographic

trend where Pitlochry is becoming a town dominated by middle class retirees impossible, as families would see lack of local schooling a major negative. Without a diversity of age and background the tourist industry, which the town and local area relies on, would suffer a staffing crisis. For those families unable to move their children would suffer from the addition burden of hours of weekly travel for the entirety of their secondary education, and the disconnection from their local community.

464. Why would P&K Council commit children to disadvantage through more travel for their education?
465. Terrible for the education of our children. And will kill the town.
466. No.
467. No No No - as above and we should be working on teaching children locally to reduce the impact on the environment.
468. As for Option 4.
469. This option should be wiped off the table - full stop. P&KC can't play games with the education of our children, this is their futures we are discussing, the risks are way too high. Pitlochry and the community is built with the school at the heart, the back bone of our community, to close the doors would have an economic impact on our town and its immediate surroundings. People move to Pitlochry to school their children at PHS.
470. I believe that closing the secondary school would have a major impact on Pitlochry as it would become less attractive for people with children to come and live in the town. The population seems to be getting older and we need younger people to take up jobs locally. Already there are difficulties in attracting people - note difficulty getting nursing staff for Atholl Medical Practice. The travel time is also a consideration especially in winter months. A local high school also has the advantage for pupils who wish to participate in extracurricular activities.
471. This is a retrograde step. The A827 is a difficult road and it would mean a significant increase in journey time especially for pupils living north of Pitlochry. It would greatly increase transport costs and make it virtually impossible for Pitlochry based students to attend extra-curricular activities after school hours. It would also make Pitlochry a much less desirable place to live for people with young families. Strongly rejected!
472. Absolutely not. This would be the end of Pitlochry as a viable community. The hospital and other services are already struggling for staff. Families will not move here if no secondary school. The school needs to be improved and offer more community facilities to attract families to the town.
473. This is an option that should not even be considered in my opinion. Pitlochry is a large town with a substantial number of children, and despite being a small school in comparison to others in Perth and Kinross, my experience was that the quality of education I received there was fantastic. Teachers could spend time with pupils on an individual or small group basis alongside their classroom teaching. Travelling to Aberfeldy on school transport 5 days a week for up to 6 years from the rural parts of the catchment area will have a detrimental effect on pupils; from personal experience the level of exhaustion created from over 4 hours of travel a day on top of homework and revision for important exams can be damaging to pupil's health. This option is a money saving move that has no regard or care for the health and well-being of the children.
474. Terrible. Please do not do this.
475. Absolutely not.
476. I cannot see this having a hugely negative impact on the local population - the school has minimal community links and the community is aged. Again, the area does not support young families attending as the housing is VERY expensive and jobs are low paid. This is a HUGE barrier to increasing the school population.
477. No no no do not close this school!!!!
478. Again awful idea.
479. This is an abhorrent idea that must be removed from the table. Closing PHS would signal the death of the community of Pitlochry and wider area. Families would not move to the area and many families would in fact move out of the area to be nearer a

secondary school. Local employers would lose employees who currently have pupils at PHS which in turn would signal the death of tourism in the area and in turn reduce council revenues as houses would become empty, businesses would be forced to close as they would not be able to hire staff. If families moved away, extended family - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. would likely follow suit to be nearer their families and most likely better services. Utter madness to even consider this. Moreover, for pupils in the most northern area of the catchment, it would be quicker to send them to a school in Highland region than to send them to Breadalbane. How could pupils be expected to leave home just after 7am and not arrive home until after 5pm 5 days a week and be encouraged and inspired to achieve their best possible results if they spend nearly half their day on school transport - they would be knackered and most likely depressed and would never reach the peak of their potential which would be entirely detrimental to their futures.

480. With this option the Council would no doubt win financially. Pitlochry town would wither and become an old folks home.
481. I think the effects would be bad. Not only would pupils' exam results suffer (as the school already has very big class sizes and much less help from teachers) but the links within the community would be torn. Many business are actively involved in helping the pupils consider multiple employment opportunities after school, and many places offer school related work experience. Not to mention the local charity shops' involvement does a lot of good for the school, it also provides pupils with invaluable learning skills and experience, for example from coffee mornings etc. From a practical point of view the bus ride takes roughly an hour for me from Blair Atholl to Aberfeldy, and just slightly less for Pitlochry pupils-this journey is exhausting and would be awful for younger pupils. It also prevents me from doing many activities after school and so whilst I do many other extracurricular activities in other communities, I have not had many options with Aberfeldy.
482. A disaster for the town of Pitlochry.
483. This is not an option I would consider supporting.
484. The least benefit as children would have lengthy travel especially those out with the catchment area who would prefer Pitlochry to other options including Blairgowrie
485. I like Breadalbane because it offers Gaelic Medium Education, but I would be concerned about whether my own family would fall into the catchment area. If not, we would have to fight to be allowed attendance at what would by then be a more crowded school and would likely have to fund or provide our own transportation from Kirkmichael.
486. Not fair on all involved - pupils and community deserve better
487. This would have an incredibly detrimental effect on the community of Pitlochry and would be extremely unfair to pupils living in Pitlochry and those even further away from Breadalbane. Not to mention the fact that closing such a well thought-of school would be incredibly wasteful and nonsensical.
488. Not a valid option in the slightest and whoever is suggesting it is obviously not a local caring parent !!!!!
489. This may make sense on an accountant's balance sheet, trying to backfill the oversized, miss-located Breadalbane Campus. That Breadalbane Campus has no doubt made a hugely positive impact to the Aberfeldy community. Why would anyone consider doing the reverse to Pitlochry, when the reverse consequences would obviously occur (i.e. hugely negative effect upon the Pitlochry and surrounding communities)? Pitlochry is the largest Highland Community in PKC, according to the PKC LDP2 document, so why would you further cut community services. Where is the PKC management vision for the sustenance of the Pitlochry and surround areas? Why would businesses want to locate or start up in an area that the council don't even see fit to invest in? Why would families wish to stay in , or move to, an area that has no secondary school (is this estates review and its potential reduction in investment already part of the reason the local health centre is unable to find local nursing staff)? Why would any educational professional organisation consider closing a well performing school, to fill a school with a less than

- sterling performance and general reputation? Why would anyone consider putting kids on a bus for 1 or 2 hours every day, which would result in a negative to their physical health (sedentary and road traffic risk), emotional well-being (loss of local after school links and peer group friendships), loss of parental inclusion/involvement in a distant school, environmental impact of increased road traffic when it's unnecessary (hope that PKC would not be in breach of Central Gov't targets to reduce carbon emissions)?
490. This is a retrograde step. The A827 is a difficult road and it would mean a significant increase in journey time especially for pupils living north of Pitlochry. It would greatly increase transport costs and make it virtually impossible for Pitlochry based students to attend extra-curricular activities after school hours. It would also make Pitlochry a much less desirable place to live for people with young families. Strongly rejected!
491. Terrible. The impact on the community would be profound and would have an extremely negative effect on the children attending the school. The move to Breadalbane is extremely stressful (to the point where I briefly started looking into other options rather than having to go there). Bringing that move forward and giving pupils no option is disgraceful. It would be bad for the children to move, on top of the fact that this adds 2 hours a day to their school day. Community-wise, this means kids can no longer have part time jobs after school which is a negative in countless ways.
492. Pitlochry would become a less attractive place to live. The hotels rely on younger people to work - people who would look elsewhere to live. It would not be so attractive for teachers either.
493. This would be an absolute disaster for the local area. As a parent from Blair Atholl if my child had to travel to Aberfeldy every day from S1 then we would definitely move away from the area. It is not acceptable to expect a child of 12 to spend 2.5 hours every day travelling to and from school. I know that we are not the only parents who feel like that. What will happen to the area if families with young children start to move away - and of course what new family will move to the area if there is no secondary education easily accessible?
494. This is too early an age to transport children to another school, too long a day with the potential of bad experiences on buses (e.g. bullying which can have serious long term impacts on children and families) and should we not consider the road infrastructure and meeting our Governments targets of reducing our carbon emissions? Children from PHS are less likely to take part in after school activities which further enriches their education. This option will have a serious negative impact on the community with potential job losses, both direct and indirect, (current jobs and recruitment) and a reduced desirability to live in Pitlochry leading to implications for the housing market and the town as a whole, which is already suffering (evident from the vacated retail units) and with possible further impacts resulting from Brexit. The excellent exams results of pupils attending PHS are highly desirable and may not be retained in a larger school environment.
495. Terrible idea for the community and for the pupils. Adding hours of travelling every day, it would make after-school clubs a very unappealing prospect.
496. Not a good idea.
497. Not in favour as it is much better for pupils to continue secondary at the same school.
498. Terrible idea. Some children living in more rural locations possibly having to make a 3 hour round trip every day.
499. I worry for this option we are at Dalnacardoch 18 miles north of Pitlochry. The trip to Breadalbane and return for an 11 year old is a massive ask especially during the winter. It's an awful road. If Pitlochry were to close, this would force us to leave the area as I cannot expect my children to travel for this length of day 5 days a week potentially for 6 years. I work in the rural sector and how do you encourage people to rural areas for jobs i.e. gamekeeping & shepherding if there are no local schools? Do you realise people live north of Blair Atholl? It's a sad day that Kingussie High would be a closer option for my children. P&K Council why was the superb campus's not built in Ballinluig so BOTH towns could benefit from the excellent facility, instead your trying to justify the spend on Breadalbane by closing Pitlochry.

500. A very bad option for the community, as PHS is an important part of the local community. The loss of the good secondary school would deter families from moving to the Pitlochry area. It would also involve a lot of travel time for S1 to S4 pupils, especially those from the Blair Atholl area.
501. This would be bad for the community. There is already an elderly population in Pitlochry and this would not encourage families to live here.
502. Again this is taking the young people out of the community and not encouraging families to move to the area. This is the age group that will be looking for Saturday and summer jobs so we want to encourage them to stay in the area not give them reasons to leave.
503. Definitely not. Pupils in earlier years in Secondary are too young for the longer day because of travelling and would also miss out in after-school activities.
504. Why? The attainment figures reflect the hard work of the pupils and staff. Visitors often remark how polite and well behaved the pupils are. It is a great school and all pupils thrive. The teachers work incredibly hard, using GIRFEC. They stay in touch with new changes, for example they are embedding Developing the Young Workforce, growth mind set and restorative practices. There is an extensive list of reasons not to close the school: travel time to Breadalbane, stress of moving, the unsatisfactory road conditions, parents unable to reach their children quickly in an emergency, cost of transport when out with normal travel time, parents less engaged with the school (because it is not where they live/part of their community), families choosing to move out of the area completely, businesses affected by staff shortages. The impact on the community cannot be underestimated. The tourism industry is very important to Pitlochry and contributes significantly to the Perth & Kinross economy (e.g. over 80,000 visitors this year at the Enchanted Forest). This tourism brings jobs and brings people to the town to do those jobs. And those employees expect to have their children educated in the town they live in and to be part of the community.
505. As above, this is really not an option and I am really disgusted that there has been a complete lack of understanding about the commute some children will have to face. It totally falls short of meeting any Government standards on health and well-being, especially physical exercise- which is completely impossible, especially in the winter. I find it really hard to understand how you can expect children to do this. It also makes it impossible for parental engagement. How is it possible for working parents to be expected to attend meetings etc. when the school is a 2 hour commute away??? I am really disappointed that there is no support and understanding of rural communities and their needs.
506. Massive detrimental impact on the town of Pitlochry. 1. Longer commuting times for pupils as young as 11, potential negative impact on their mental health, their tiredness levels and therefore their results, lack of access to after school activities which could affect their social lives/friendship groups. 2. Breadalbane would then be a very large school for the area which is one of the benefits of Pitlochry High of being smaller. Pitlochry High is big enough to have normal sized classes yet small enough to allow pupils to feel comfortable, to feel known by their teachers. 3. Economic impact for the town, short term by not having pupils/parents spending money when they are in the school area. Long term potential negative effect on house prices, the choice for families to live in the area, to know that their children from age 11 will need to travel an hour on a bus with older school pupils may affect their decision to live in the town.
507. This is not an option which should ever have been considered far less included in this questionnaire for any reason!! To close Pitlochry high school would have the most devastating effect on the children of the area, and the community as a whole.
508. Devastating effect on local community in the medium to longer term. Families will be less likely to want to live in the town if they know children will have to make long journeys on country roads to get to secondary school. In the longer term, the population demographics will be adversely affected, with an even more acute imbalance.
509. The current system whereby the education of Pitlochry students is interrupted by a transfer to Breadalbane is archaic. However, moving the entire High School education to

Aberfeldy is an equally bad prospect. Although school transfer just before critical exam years would be avoided, the following negative factors would affect pupils from S1-S4 as well as S5 and S6: substantial time would be wasted travelling to school; pupils would have to get up earlier, and hence be even further out-of-phase with their melatonin production cycles with likely reduction in efficiency and learning potential; those pupils with travel sickness associated with the winding road to Aberfeldy, would have to take medication with adverse side effects, including drowsiness; increased exposure to risks associated with road travel; increased risk of bullying during unsupervised periods when travelling; increase stress and risks of mental illness.

510. This option will have a huge, negative impact on the school and community; families will not choose to live in the local area and the school's presence within Pitlochry will be severely diminished. Children would have to travel to Breadalbane from Pitlochry and beyond from the age of 11, extending the school day considerably and making it extremely long for some that live in outlying, remote areas of Highland Perthshire. Pitlochry High School and the town and environs have been closely linked over many years in many different ways and to destroy this would result in a collapse of the community from being vibrant and pro-active to a sleepy, retirement settlement.
511. This will result in Pitlochry becoming a dead town full of retired people and holiday homes. I know of several families who wanted to move to Pitlochry but decided against it due to the uncertainty of the school's future. School refusers, habitual latecomers, pupils with doctors' appointments and pupils from low income families will choose NOT to attend school if they miss the morning bus, resulting in more pressure on social services following up on poor attendance. Many pupils will be unable to participate fully in after school activities. They will have to pay a bus fare. If they miss the bus home or have insufficient money or no bus pass, you will be putting them in a dangerous situation especially in the winter months.
512. This would be such a shame for Breadalbane who have succeeded in being an effective school and community asset. The huge influx of children may counteract this
513. I think this option should be swiftly disregarded. Children, parents and the wider community would all suffer if this happened. Children shouldn't have to travel two hours a day to get to school and back for the reasons I listed above. This impacts on their health, quality of life, concentration and ability to participate in family or leisure activities out of school which are equally as important as their education. Parent teacher relationships would dissolve and many parents would struggle to travel to Breadalbane. For example parents in Blair Atholl would have to get two buses which are already very limited. Parents evenings might be missed, school shows etc. as the bus services don't run late at all. Bus transport for pupils costs money as well which a lot of parents simply cannot afford. How are parents supposed to pick up an ill child from school if they can't get there because of lack of transport or money?
514. Not acceptable.
515. That would be short sighted.
516. A terrible option. Perth & Kinross Council would rip the heart out of one of its rural communities. This would be a catastrophic decision by its elected representatives.
517. Absolutely should not be an option. The education at Pitlochry is excellent, the opportunities available to kids are fantastic. Why would anyone move to Pitlochry with school aged children if there was no secondary school? This has a major impact on the town's infrastructure. The hospital for example cannot recruit nurses as it is and as a XXXXX, working in XXXXX is not a welcoming opportunity without a secondary school for kids to attend. I certainly would not move home with the prospect of having to send my children to Breadalbane for all or any of their secondary schooling.
518. See answer to option 4.
519. By closing the school you will be shutting down the community. Our pupils are involved in a wealth of community events. This town needs to be growing away from its retirement home reputation and begin to invest in its young people. Without a secondary school we will find it much harder to attract new families to the area. Pupils would be at a significant

disadvantage when it comes to before and after school activities with parents having to fund transport to these. Not only is this unaffordable to many families but the bus service between Pitlochry and Aberfeldy is appalling. My children have regularly been left stranded in Ballinluig because the services don't run connecting buses. This is unacceptable and will become a far bigger issue with larger numbers of children affected.

520. This should not even be among the suggestions about moving forward.
521. This would rip the heart out of the community it would have a detrimental effect on Pitlochry and the surrounding areas it will eventually lead to most family's moving out the area and have a knock on effect on the house pricing thus leading to shops and local businesses closing and finishing off Pitlochry as a town losing all the tourist trade which bring in millions of pounds to Perth and Kinross council every year.
522. Not an option. Pitlochry is a thriving community and you would take the heart out of it by closing secondary.
523. Same as response to option 4
524. Seriously detrimental to the area, already a tourist and retirement area and needs young family's to balance the population, provide a workforce. Will also encourage young people to leave the area. We need more places of learning not less.
525. Would be a complete disaster, ripping the heart out of the community and making it a much less desirable place to live, leading to long term aging population and general degradation. Also the bus journey is lengthy (particularly in winter) and can really negatively impact student experience, especially within younger age groups. Worst of the options presented.
526. This is clearly not even an option that should be considered.
527. This option would involve long journeys for children from 11 years old and I have serious doubts that the local bus services can cover the extra buses needed, already Aberfeldy school bus comes from Perth each day.
528. The learning and teaching here is excellent. Closure is an incredibly naive suggestion. Why would an option that would have such a detrimental effect on our children's education, their health, their families and communities be considered? Our community does not shop, live or contribute greatly to Aberfeldy, so why would we send our children there daily for 6 years to be educated in a different community? How could that travel be better for their health, home life and learning? This shows no consideration for the children from north of Pitlochry who'd have an even longer day away from home...40 years ago there was a hostel because of this, so why is it ok to expect children now to travel daily on the same road?
529. See answer above. Terrible idea!
530. Not an option , there will be an massive impact on kids, community , I myself had to go through similar situation, being stuck in travel while other kids are home , no time for friends, hobby, parents ,literally school, home ,sleep repeat, what kind of life for kids is that?
531. Awful option. Will slowly kill off the community as less and less families and young people move to the area.
532. Terrible idea. Pitlochry would lose its sense of community.
533. So adding almost two hours journey time per day, ten hours per week to children's schedule - it a sensible or efficient proposal.
534. Not a viable option for the same reasons above but with greater potential impact on younger pupils. It is unimaginable to have 11 or 12 year old children travelling for up to 2 hours per day around a full school day - it would be unethical for local government to impose that on pupils as policy. Furthermore, the school forms the heart of the community and is an essential component of everyday life. Absence of secondary school facilities would lead to failure to attract new families to the area and may see the loss of existing families impacting local businesses and employers and limiting economic growth opportunity.

535. Definitely the worst of the options. It is difficult enough to attract essential workers to the area with what is effectively a "Junior Secondary" school, and it would be even more difficult if there were no secondary school, with pupils from the Blair Atholl & Struan area having to travel up to 2.5 hours each way each day. Both their education and their social life would suffer.
536. This option would lead to the death of the community and it should never have been considered in the first place.
537. Should not even be on the table. Closing the secondary would be a disaster for the town.
538. Transporting children is a bad choice. The road network alone will not support buses and accidents have happened in the past.
539. I think this option would be very unfair on the kids. It's too much to expect 12 year olds to travel so far, getting home so late then expected to do homework. It will make it harder for them to be involved in any after school groups/ activities. Pitlochry has a wide catchment area meaning some kids will be travelling miles every day.
540. Not an option that should be considered as this reduces/ removes education in the local community and would probably lead to the loss of the school buildings to the local community.
541. Ditto as above. Loss to wider community of the value & links with Pitlochry High & its teachers & students & their families. Plus events both ways of involvement. I value the adult evening classes held at the school one visits.
542. This would have a total negative effect on the community, families would choose to live away from the town nearer to the available school facilities making it more difficult to recruit staff.
543. This would devastate the local community as 11-18 year olds would be removed from that community and belong thus to either Aberfeldy or Pitlochry community.
544. Bad for community and its future sustainability. We need to make Highland/ rural community's attractive places for families to move to.
545. The worst option - this would have devastating effect on local community - people wouldn't want to move to the area with families. Have to take whole community into consideration when making this decision. The effect on the pupils would be terrible - the length of time spent travelling, basically wasted time, not being able to take part in after school activities, losing touch with Pitlochry community.
546. Please do not do this.
547. This would negatively affect the entire town and increase the number of empty second homes and holiday lets. Especially difficult for children living in places like Calvine, Bridge of Tilt as be 3 hours a day travelling.
548. Same answer as above.
549. This will rip the heart out of 'Heartland' not an option!!!
550. Major impact on local community, families, community organisations - no children to take part in out of school activities as will be able leave home. How do they undertake.
551. No - after school activities difficult. Teenagers need to be able to see friends after school. Within walking distance of home & school.
552. Would have very negative impacts and make the town even older.
553. As above.
554. I do not think they should.
555. Disastrous for local community.
556. Absolutely not. Pitlochry will die.
557. As above
558. Too much travelling for some pupils in the extreme areas of Pitlochry catchment.
559. This would be a devastating blow to Pitlochry. How many buses would be needed daily? Children would be tired daily travelling 30 miles x5 days. Will like the move, a new school away from familiarity. What if a pupils ill? I do not have a car, how do I get my son home, bus? Also children with special needs, how would they cope with travelling daily? Environment, all the buses giving out their emissions into the air, pollution.

560. No. If education is the priority we are told it is, then why on earth is a school like this, which consistently outperforms Breadalbane and, indeed, almost every other secondary school in Scotland at N5 level, even being considered for closure. PHS is a good example of a school where children from all backgrounds do well together and where there is no large attainment gap. It is a highly successful school which has served its community well for over 100 years and should certainly continue to do so. Closing PHS would have a terrible effect on Pitlochry and the surrounding area: not only would the children here lose out academically but Breadalbane would become compromised by larger class sizes, overcrowding and therefore lower attainment. Pupils from outlying areas (some as young as 12 years old) would potentially face a journey time of at least one hour each way and this would impact on time available for study and after school activities. Any after school activities at Breadalbane would be hard to access due to transport issues. Children would also suffer from tiredness due to all this travelling. Many of the people who have set up businesses in the area, providing employment to local people, would not have done so here if there had been no school for their children. Families with children will not want to move into the area leading to an imbalanced ageing population: as well as a potential lack of e.g. doctors, nurses with children etc. to look after these older people. The daily cost of bussing over 100 children to and from Aberfeldy will be exorbitant. I could go on...
561. This would also be a good option if class sizes were low. Changing location from Pitlochry to Aberfeldy is not the problem, but doing it in the middle of secondary education when hormones are raging could be an issue.
562. What about pupil's safety, travelling on that really bad road, the increase of buses will have an impact on the condition of roads, longer days and what about after school activities. Why can't Pitlochry have a campus giving our children the same opportunities as those in Breadalbane? Also Breadalbane has a huge drug problem, police were there this summer.
563. Ditto.
564. Very bad idea for 1-3 year students. Very bad for community.
565. This would contravene the rules for rurality for some children regards to travel. It would not attract family's to the area to help improve the issue re the population perhaps heading towards an increasing elderly population, impact on employment, filling jobs etc.
566. All this transporting helps no one. Long day for pupils, increased pollution for area, lack of help locally whenever needed.
567. I cannot believe that anyone would be in favour of this option. As a retired teacher (XXXXX), I have seen at first hand the devastating effect of school closure to the community.
568. As in 4 above.
569. No.
570. Worst option - big impact on community - will deter families from living in Pitlochry and turn it into hotel and seniors community,
571. Very much a retrograde step for this community.
572. Would devastate Pitlochry.
573. This would be a disaster for the community and a significant disadvantage to the children affected in terms of their hopes for the quality of education they deserve, for the following reasons: 1) Longer day XX to travelling - likely to lead to children being tired and missing out on family time, homework time and out of school activities. 2) Would create a two-tier system whereby half of children at Breadalbane would have access to after school clubs and sports faculties and other half would not. Every child deserves equal opportunities to flourish. 3) Not in the interests of children's health and wellbeing to have them take bus to school when they can currently walk. 4) Not environmentally friendly to have extra buses on road. 5) It will kill the town. Many people with families will stop coming to live in Pitlochry. Businesses will close or move away from the town, and it will become a ghost town, with only holiday makers and second homes. I can put myself forward as an example of this. I moved to Pitlochry 4 years ago with my family. I am a

- partner in a business that employs 18 people. If there wasn't a high school, I wouldn't have moved here, and I don't know what would become of that business and those jobs.
574. Least favourite option - children from S1-S3 still really benefit from the "local" school, familiar surrounds, easier commute.
575. No - I don't want my sons in 1st year to travel by themselves by bus, they would be away from 8 till 5pm. It would make after school activities more difficult. By closing the secondary you will never encourage families to move to Pitlochry, businesses would suffer. It would have a huge impact of Pitlochry and its economy.
576. This option would be devastating to the community. The lack of confidence for other schools is at a low. The kids get a great education here and they have a great relationship with the staff and everyone feels a responsibility for their future.
577. Loss of jobs to local community and Highland Perthshire. Closure of a high achieving school will not be popular/ accepted easily.
578. Not a good idea.
579. No, Pitlochry doesn't want a closed school!
580. Negative impact - will seriously affect the opportunities all pupils have and will encourage families out of the area.
581. Increase staffing in Breadalbane. More subject choices and opportunities for pupils. More cost effective.
582. No. This would have a detrimental effect on the whole community. a) Very hard to find staff for local businesses & especially for care of the elderly. Families would not want to settle here if no secondary school. b) Children would no longer be seen as part of our town. Extended family relationships would suffer. c) Effects on children's health - mental - no time to see friends, join clubs, spend time relaxing, bullying continues on bus journeys - physical - no time for sports, building bone density, less daylight, less time to be involved in community & environment. Up to 10 hours of a child's life per week wasted on travelling. Effect on home life at adolescence when a child needs extra family support & guidance - and supervision.
583. Our children's safety must come first. This increases the risk of harm, weather conditions in winter. Increased traffic on an already busy road. Major impact on the community of Pitlochry. The school was/is well integrated within the community. Would stop families moving to the area with no high school. Will limit after school activities for Pitlochry children as not be back in time due to travelling by bus. Impact on the environment. Bullying on the buses, travel sickness?
584. I am against this. The school is the heart of the community. No secondary education within 15 miles. May cause people to leave the area and move closer to a secondary.
585. Without a local secondary our community would really suffer. Enterprise activities, take a child to work & work experience week would all exclude our community, Pitlochry & Aberfeldy are very distinct communities & it has been found that trying to unify services across the 2 areas has failed on both old peoples & young people's services.
586. This should be viewed as a catastrophic under investment in the Pitlochry community by PKC and would have devastating impacts on the town. Closure of the school (as would likely happen) would result in a drain of families from the area, further eroding community structure. The loss of working age parents would also devastate local businesses. There are already recruitment problems in the area (e.g. vacant nursing posts at the local hospital remain unfilled). Any option that threatens the closure of the school should be seen as a dereliction of PKC's community to support and invest in rural Highland communities. Furthermore, the likely result is that younger children are forced to endure lengthy journeys to and from school every day. These will erode their links to the local community, have detrimental impacts on their mental and physical well-being, and likely result in poorer academic performance. As such, the impact on children of closing the school will be profoundly negative.
587. The future of Pitlochry as a thriving community and its economic strengths would be severely jeopardised by the closure of its high school. Such a cut to the community services of a large Highland town should be viewed as wholly unacceptable by PKC. As

a relative newcomer to the area (2 years), I would not have chosen to invest in a business in Pitlochry and relocate my family here if there had been no High School. If that is how I feel, I would imagine that future potential investors in the area with school-aged families would feel the same. The closure of the school may result in me reconsidering our residence in Pitlochry. This highlights the potential knock on effects of the school closure – it will not simply transfer pupils to Breadalbane in order to further support the justification of that under-utilised PFI project. Rather, it is likely to result in a further drain of people from this Highland Community.

7) Are there any alternative options or proposals that you feel should be considered? (Please give details).

Comments

1. Rethink the catchment area and increase Pitlochry to include S5 & S6 in new build modern building.
2. I feel that Breadalbane school is the main secondary school in Highland Perthshire. But is in the wrong location to best feed the area. Pitlochry would be best suited geographically to serve the area.
3. The option to be considered is to introduce S5 & S6 and increase occupancy. Include Kirkmichael to come to Pitlochry and possibly Rannoch. Building affordable housing in one area would welcome families to Pitlochry and increase occupancy.
4. Give our children a choice. Improve and add on S5 & S6. New school and give our children the best that they deserve.
5. A rethink or changing of the school catchment areas (primary and secondary) to “even” out the occupancy ratings of each school.
6. Why are you opening Berth Park, 20mins from here? Invest in PHS. This is a great option, investment brings reward.
7. Why should there be an alternative? Just do the right thing.
8. A super school including library, pool, leisure centre and community classes. Pre-school to S6. Increase catchment area.
9. Continue to improve and listen, which seems to be happening. This talk of big change is disruptive to the children.
10. Build a community campus.
11. Distance learning? And specialist teachers “roving” – would let S5 & S6 move to Pitlochry.
12. Similar situation to “mega-hospitals” – balance between ‘world class’ facilities in less locations, but also include ‘Basic Service’ more locally. Balance is the hard part.
13. As Perth schools are oversubscribed start looking at changing their catchments to move pupils in peripheral areas outwards not inwards.
14. Consider options for Dunkeld to be included and/ or Kirkmichael children. This may provide a strong case for a new community school in Pitlochry which will benefit the children’s education and the wider community. Include facilities for the wider community.
15. Give Pitlochry what it deserves. A fully functioning community school.
16. Long-term impact of school closure: Fewer families moving to the area; Decline of local businesses; Vacant job opportunities not being filled.
17. Need higher level strategy on how to build “rural” Pitlochry community and Blair Atholl. Demise of school hampers growth. S1-S4 provision already hampers growth.
18. Using CfE in the debate is disingenuous. No school credibly works S1-S3. Most start the building blocks for Nat 4/5 in S3 given the shortage of time.
19. Option 6+. S5 and S6, extend catchment (including Dunkeld), digital learning to extend subject choice (glow, video conference etc.) Community hub or campus.
20. Option 6 i.e. option 2 + 3 + extras. Pitlochry deserves a community campus and a full range of opportunities for all our young people and the older community should have use of facilities – adult learning, leisure facilities, library etc.
21. If capacity is the issue consider which areas of the school could be used for other purposes. A smaller building would give us a higher capacity.
22. Could Dunkeld pupils be given the option of PGS, Br Acad or Pitlochry for S1 – S4 education? Transport links/ infrastructure Dunkeld > Pitlochry much better than Dunkeld > Aberfeldy.
23. I think they would invest in rebuilding the school and housing the library/ ICT services and link to UHI more available. Older people would use the facilities and also benefit.

24. Look at the smaller (primary) schools. Move kids these kids to PHS Primary. Save the high school. Not smaller primaries – that are under occupancy. We thought it was unheard of to shut rural high schools. Save our school.
25. Option 6 – add S5 + S6.
26. A combination of options 2 & 3, i.e. include S5 & S6 and extend catchment area.
27. Improve the use of modern technology to enable an increased selection of subject choices at Pitlochry Secondary utilising teachers based in other school.
28. Having a specialist area for children with additional needs e.g. ASD. If the school is under capacity there should be space available. Use of remote technologies to improve the subject choice. Sharing facilities more with other schools e.g. Breadalbane.
29. Although school is well below capacity it doesn't easily lend itself to being used. Rooms a specific e.g. 2x tech and one teacher 2x Home Econ (1 teacher), 3 science labs one each subject (2 teachers!)
30. Use building for more: Adult education (night school); further education (Perth college rural courses).
31. Revert to old plans where there would be a campus for all the community. Instead of sending the money to Perth use it in the rural areas.
32. Build a brand new school with access for adult learning as well as children. (Additional comment from another respondent) This is a good idea.
33. Yes! New school.
34. Build a new school with good arts facilities especially theatre and music: Adult classes – lifelong learning; swimming pool.
35. It would be much easier for children if the smaller primary schools were closed + all primary age pupils had to go to Pitlochry. The savings could then be spent on improving the high school. Closing primary schools is not an option I like but as a parent I would rather take my child to Pitlochry from P1 if it meant they didn't have to do 2.5 hours of travel from age 12.
36. Invest on a level so that a community campus/hub can also be available at Pitlochry, even if not on the scale of Breadalbane. Would benefit staff + pupils but also the wider community – meeting spaces, sports/club facilities etc.
37. Insist that pupils in Pitlochry High School catchment attend Pitlochry School. This would help occupancy rates.
38. Create a campus where there are alternative Highers available i.e. S1-S4 Pitlochry + Breadalbane are the same. S5-S6 both schools have a core list of subjects but one school is more practical subjects and the other more academic. This would offer more to the pupils and community and would mean all S5-S6 pupils would travel to the suitable secondary for S5-S6.
39. Build a new all-inclusive community campus – which incorporates early years, primary, secondary, ASN, nurture base, library and sports facility. Pitlochry is on the main A9 – easier access and more central to the wider community. We currently have ASN children travelling to Perth causing undue expense and stress to both children and their families.
40. Rebuild Pitlochry High School as a community campus – genuinely make a commitment to lifelong learning for the community. The costs would be repaid in increased physical and mental health and in employment, leisure, culture as well as education.
41. Invest in rural Scotland to attract employers, families. Create a community campus with benefits for the whole community and a nursery to S6 provision. Why invest in dualling the A9 and not the areas it is meant to help open up. There need to be college level opportunities in this area. PHS and Perth College could have outreach bases in a community campus too.
42. Build a community campus which includes nursery to secondary, sports facilities and a library for the whole community to use both locals and the wider community and tourists. An ASN base would be beneficial for children who are affected so that are not travelling miles to special units, which can be stressful for them and the families. Pitlochry is very accessible due to its proximity to the A9.

43. Invest in Pitlochry HS and make it a community campus. This would be the best options for pupils who should come first for their educational needs. Also this would be best for the community in terms of jobs in the area.
44. Pitlochry has been described as the “gateway to the highlands”. Town facilities should be invested in and grown to promote further tourism and to be of use for Pitlochry and the wider highland community. Pitlochry HS could be converted/ rebuilt as a community campus increasing the leisure options for residents as well as tourist’s whist providing a first class education to people who live here.
45. Could children come here from Dunkeld?
46. Community campus – we are not second class citizens and deserve quality resources like all other P&K schools. Community school with library links, sporting links, adult learning.
47. Close Breadalbane and transfer pupils here.
48. Parent Council option is a fantastic solution. ASN needs for Highland Perthshire would be great.
49. We have great results at the moment! Imagine what we could achieve with a level playing field!! Please invest in us.
50. Parent Council option of creating a community school is fantastic. Having a school that the community could access would be ideal.
51. Option 6 – see parent council. I cannot see how any other option would be viable!
52. Investment into the school! Mini campus.
53. Introduce S5&S6. Increase catchment to include Dunkeld, Kinloch Rannoch and Kirkmichael. New school buildings, both Primary & Secondary.
54. Parent Council option 6! Increase the catchment area and give parents’ choice. Better for ASN please!
55. As a rural school we (Pitlochry) deserve a campus to equal other P&K schools here in our community.
56. Community school as detailed by parent council.
57. Introduce S5&6 at Pitlochry. Increase catchment: Kirkmichael, Dunkeld, Kinloch Rannoch, Grandtully.
58. Pull Dunkeld into the catchment. It’s a much shorter journey to Pitlochry than Breadalbane. Breadalbane should never have been built without a full consultation especially when Pitlochry required upgrading.
59. Basketball in field.
60. I think there should be an S5 + S6.
61. To add a campus with a swimming pool.
62. Upgrade the toilets / add some changing facilities. Make our school more modern. Maybe make a campus/ make PE facilities better! By adding more gymnastics equipment!
63. I think putting adding S5 & S6, extending the catchment area and to improve the condition rating of the school would be a good idea for previously mentioned reasons.
64. I think they should make a community campus.
65. I do not have any except better food and less expensive.
66. A campus. Include a better playground (with swings, and a few more slides).
67. Can I get a bouncy castle?
68. I would like the secondary playground to be upgraded and the basketball hoops to be upgraded too.
69. People that work in the school would lose their job.
70. Get better toilets because some of the seats fall off, handles don’t work. And paint cracking off the walls, also the taps sometimes run for 5 seconds. And sinks are wobbly. And better facilities. Vending machines.
71. No I have none alternative options.
72. No.
73. Maybe upgrade the school and also add new secondary classrooms.
74. No.

75. I think we should extend the catchment area and improve the condition of the school and keep the S5/6 years.
76. No!
77. Make the hall the diney too but push up table in it and a pool.
78. Maybe add more room like a swimming pool.
79. I would like to keep the high school open and to add S5 & S6 with improvements on building.
80. I am not sure what to do to the school.
81. Community campus with leisure/ sports facilities, library.
82. Community campus please. All subjects! S5 & S6 added. Bigger school improvement!!!
83. I would like it if school got more excitement and I would like it if we could have McDonalds for lunch.
84. I would want to add maybe more water fountains, for people that forget their water bottles and if they need to fill up their bottle.
85. There will be too many buses on the road.
86. Maybe a better toilet.
87. No I don't.
88. No.
89. No.
90. Let the P6's P7's have more of a say I what they want.
91. To add more detail to school.
92. Add some repairs.
93. Add campus to make school better.
94. Put a swimming pool and campus.
95. Maybe make a bigger diney!
96. My dad (XXXXX) said that a XXXXX put forward an option 6, about how we should have a proper library, like the one in Pitlochry and some other nice things for the school and I quite like the idea!
97. Turn Pitlochry High School into a community campus like Breadalbane and add a pool and have a community library. Upgrade facilities. Add more subjects in high school. Build new campus.
98. No.
99. Make it into a campus like Breadalbane.
100. No.
101. Yes I think we should get a campus.
102. Make Pitlochry a community campus with AstroTurf, pool and library.
103. Make Pitlochry a community campus.
104. No I don't know how to benefit the school.
105. Option 1 but with lots of maintenance.
106. No.
107. Make it into a campus.
108. Add more sporting things, new computers, basketball court, swimming pool.
109. Change the school to a campus with a swimming pool, climbing wall like Breadalbane.
110. We are like a family and we have been with each other since nursery and we shouldn't be separated.
111. We should improve games and art in school because pupils from other school.
112. Community campus. More people will live here, swimming pool leisure centre, bigger library, nicer things, bigger diney, nicer furniture.
113. Community campus – community uses/public, bringing people together, attract more people, easy travel.
114. Community campus – bring more people in, easy to get to, it would bring people together, leisure centre, big library, better diney, better furniture.
115. Make it bigger and into a community campus.
116. Community campus! Nicer walls/interior, better facilities – leisure centre, bigger library, better bell, nice furniture, better diney.

117. Keep the school open. And community campus would be AMAZING so the community can use it.
118. Nope!
119. No I'm Gucci.
120. I would like/think best for the school is option1, option 2 and option 3 because (firstly) I think we need a nicer school because this one is getting old, secondly putting S5+S6 into the school is important because people are sitting their exams in S5+S6+S4 and they (to me) should stay at the same school. Option 3, I think we need to increase the population of the school so we don't have to go through all of this again.
121. No I don't have any alternative options that should be considered. Apart from making better sports facilities.
122. Make a completely new school but I feel other options above are better.
123. Fix all the building and stay for S5 and S6.
124. Just don't let the community not have a school. Pitlochry would not be the same without the school. If they shut the school then families would move to Aberfeldy and Pitlochry would not have any residents.
125. Any more classes and different types of extra curriculum at Pitlochry High School and a swimming pool as well S5-S6 "the new Breadalbane".
126. Improve the school. It is the best option. Aberfeldy is the Ned academy. I would get a better education at Balhousie and old people's home!
127. Go to S5 + S6 but also change the catchment areas as well as improvement of the condition of the school.
128. Option 6 – this would help improve the building + facilities. It also includes us staying at Pitlochry for S5+6.
129. No.
130. Not really.
131. The government should invest more money in the school as it gets good test results, and, if we moved to Breadalbane that would be wiped out.
132. I don't have no more ideas.
133. Make it a campus by bringing the leisure centre and the library up to the school and re-do the whole school.
134. I don't really have any ideas.
135. No, I just really think that having 5th & 6th year here is an amazing, great idea and that closing the secondary is the worst idea you could think of!
136. Knock down school and re-build bigger & better nursery – 6th year with catchment extended.
137. Add 5th and 6th year. Upgrade school. Teachers will lose jobs ☹
138. Just make S5-S6 in Pitlochry.
139. Want 5th and 6th year at Pitlochry and same subjects as Breadalbane.
140. Just make a S5 –S6 in Pitlochry.
141. A community campus would allow the community to thrive by encouraging families to move here benefitting all those in the local area.
142. Re-build school + improve actual building but keep original teachers.
143. Build a new community campus like Breadalbane.
144. Swimming pool? Campus?
145. Make school bigger, add S5 and S6. Add facilities such as – hall for sports – library – swimming. (Kind of like Breadalbane), turn it into a campus.
146. Build community campus, combine school with leisure centre.
147. Community campus, move leisure centre up here to involve the whole community. Would be smart.
148. Rebuild school as community campus with library, gym and swimming pool.
149. Yes, knock down the school building a better larger school including the local library and local sporting facilities.
150. Change school into community campus, add S5 and S6, improve size of school, add facilities.

151. Constructing a brand new school.
152. Make Pitlochry High School a campus for the whole community e.g. library, leisure facilities etc.
153. Pitlochry gets improved, the catchment area extends as well as S5/6 staying at Pitlochry.
154. Build extensions.
155. I think that... you should keep the school open!! I think the refurbishment is a good idea because we did.
156. Move library & leisure centre to school and create a campus.
157. No.
158. Making new building.
159. You should move the local council facilities and turn it into a super HIGH performing school!!!!
160. Keep S5, S6 here and make school better.
161. Add a campus/astro as many people would enjoy.
162. Add a campus. Better football pitch/astro.
163. Can't think of any.
164. Build a campus for Pitlochry.
165. Add a campus.
166. Demolish the current building and construct a better one in its place. Make sure to employ teachers with 160+ IQ so we receive a reasonable education. Also employ at least 10 noble prize winners.
167. The school being small helps us learn better and teachers give more support.
168. Knock it down and build a sports facility or a swimming pool or something.
169. Improve the school, include S5, S6 as well as putting in things that the community can access.
170. Don't know just leave it as it is.
171. A combination between proposals 2 and 3 as improving the quality of the school is a must and extending re school for 5th and 6th year is an excellent idea but also extending the catchment would be good to increase the amount of students.
172. Keep the school the same (possibly improve conditions), a bigger catchment sounds like a good idea as it may solve the issue of other schools bad occupancy levels by closing them and moving their pupils to Pitlochry.
173. Move S3 to Breadalbane for more option choices.
174. Combine options. So add 5&6 years but increase catchment area.
175. Increase occupancy/catchment area, improve school conditions and keep to S5/6.
176. Moving Pitlochry S6 pupils to Breadalbane instead of S5-6 because it could be seen as more suitable for getting the sort of 'college' experience before actually heading off.
177. Demolish the current building and place a community campus in its place, somewhere for the council offices, a place for younger people to hang out after school (as there currently isn't). Pitlochry is in an ideal location for a community campus. Right in the centre of Scotland and with easy access (A9).
178. Extend bus times (Perth-Pitlochry, Aberfeldy-Pitlochry). Past the leaving time of certain places of 6pm, last possible bus to catch is 6.20pm is the last available bus for returning back to Pitlochry. Involve XXXXXXXXXX in this discussion.
179. Flatten the whole school and rebuild it to make it better and built a temporary building for the kids education. Also bring in the catchment area to Kirkmichael and Dunkeld and Bankfoot.
180. No.
181. I believe the best option is a combination of Options 2 and 3.
182. Celebrating the performance of the school at present. Combining other PKC offices, library, live active, adult education, UHI, further education etc.
183. Maintain Pitlochry High School for pupils and open the school for wider community use in evenings and weekends as a focus for the community and for wider community experiences.

184. Yes think should extend catchment area and include 5th and 6th year preferably in new build community campus including leisure facilities, library etc.
185. How about considering a new purpose built facility which might be used for educational purposes but also for other council facilities in the town i.e. our library, housing office, town hall etc. This would create empty buildings which might be sold to help fund the new space. Thinking about the school in isolation might be fruitless without considering possible new social housing providing accommodation for folk. We are short of nurses, teacher's etc. etc. Thank you.
186. Pitlochry as a community deserves to have access to Life Long Learning facilities and wrap around childcare. I would most certainly support the use of the school for 5 & 6th year as well as it being a Hub for Perth college and the UHI. Remote learning suites are something that should most definitely be considered.
187. No.
188. The school building repaired and 5th and 6th year introduced. Having been a Pitlochry pupil to 4th year moving to Breadalbane for 5th year, we were treated like outsiders and were always referred to as Pitlochry pupils. We're unsettling for the most important years of your lives!
189. No.
190. Take time to think it over do not rush into doing anything until all options have been explored. Can we incorporate a bigger building with sports and swimming facility, for the wider community to access out with school hours? Also cut down on the amount of buildings you require for other council departments by incorporating them on the same site.
191. Increase the condition is a must, I would agree with increasing the catchment area to Kirkmichael area as well as 100% the addition of S5&6. Increasing capacity and retaining a consistency for the pupils until end of their high school education without the stress and upheavals of moving school at a pivotal time. I would suggest a big development of a community campus where things like the leisure centre and library etc. area all moved to the campus area.
192. A complete new school from nursery to s6 which is overdue as it is dated and primary was always a temporary fix in the seventies. Thirty two year. It's time to replace it. Put the library and council offices, build a proper leisure centre within the school. Get rid of these ageing buildings and rents. Pulls the community together if we are all under one roof
193. No.
194. Consideration should be given to building a community campus with various council services on site.
195. A combination of 2 and 3.
196. Listen to the people both past present and future users of the school, they are not asking for the moon!!!! Just a viable school for their children to grow in.
197. No.
198. No.
199. Improve the school facilities at Pitlochry High School from nursery up. Provide a better education for our children and for generations to come. Provide all-weather sporting facilities - indoor pitches and long overdue swimming pool.
200. Another option - our preferred one- invest in the school and make it a school fit for the times, for the children and for the community, have S5 & 6 here, include leisure and arts facilities. That equal those enjoyed by other children in the county, include council offices, the use of remote technologies and virtual learning, specialist additional needs support (currently not available in our area!) and extend the catchment area to include Kirkmichael. Facilities for all the community to enjoy! Keep Pitlochry, Ballinluig, Blair Atholl and surrounding areas thriving, exciting and alive for our children and future children! Let's try investing and improving instead of closing and ripping the heart out of our town! Our community are all incredibly supportive of our school and our children. Invest in the future - our children and young people- don't just act on the here and now in

a bid to save a few pounds! You cannot put a price on our children and future children's Education. Surely we can all work together in support of each other to achieve this? Our school has amazing support and community backing which was evident at the first drop in session last Saturday in the town hall. Our voices should be heard and listened to but much more importantly, so should those of our children and young people.

201. Pitlochry should have a school/community campus with all the associated facilities. The population of Pitlochry is greater than that of Aberfeldy, so would have far more use e.g. I am sure currently very few residents of Blair Atholl and small communities north travel to Aberfeldy to use the campus, yet would travel to Pitlochry. Also far more tourist population, who could also use the facilities creating an income source. I will NEVER understand why the campus was located in Aberfeldy! Pitlochry is on the main A9 and has a lot of passing traffic and trade.
202. An alternative solution would be a more holistic approach that takes into consideration the wellbeing of our young people and their experience at school. Increasing the catchment to include Kirkmichael in addition to increasing roll to include S5 and S6 while improving facilities at the school to provide opportunities not currently available to the wider community will future proof the school and help it to become an asset to the town by providing a reason for families to stay/come to Pitlochry.
203. Yes build a campus in the Pitlochry area as should have been done in the past, this will kill the local community.
204. XXXXX. This was a website that advertised local businesses which were recruited by pupils and the data was gathered by pupils. Two of the leading lights in this enterprise were XXXXX. Although I know that this website function has now been taken over by professional adults I think it was a formative experience for pupils and served to forge valuable links between the local businesses and the school. There might now be scope for seeking a similar relationship between businesses and the school which would involve modest sponsorship of the school by the businesses in return for the creation of short video clips made by pupils which would advertise the businesses. The creation of the video clips would continue a tradition of IT innovation at the school and be of intrinsic educational value. The video clips could be displayed on a dedicated website.
205. Improve the condition of the school, why waste should a good site.
206. Yes - increase catchment and introduce S5/S6. Combine these two options.
207. Pitlochry has a disproportionate number of retired people and leisure visitors looking for new activities. I think we should be looking at how a community campus could use these populations to support the school and generate an income stream. By partnering with Live Active Leisure and/or Perth UHI we could find a larger variety of funding sources to create a campus where leisure courses, from creative writing to rock climbing, could be run at weekends and holidays. The playing fields could be used for an earth pump to power the school and sell excess power to the grid.
208. Keep the school open and make it a campus.
209. As above - include S5 and S6 and increase catchment area. Provide a school and facilities that people want to move heaven and earth to get their children in to. Build a campus that incorporates other Tayside Council services, one stop shop.
210. It would benefit the community to review the school estate to encompass broader community functions - social work, library, leisure centre - as this would allow the school building to be better used and therefore more cost effective. Allowing for inter-generational interaction would benefit all in the community leading to greater community wellbeing, resilience, inclusion and cohesion. The incorporation of ICT for community use, perhaps with a link to UHI may help offer broader pupil choice in the senior phase plus support continuing adult learning within the community, again building resilience and relevant skills for a changing workplace.
211. No, the perfect option is to extend the school to include s5 and s6 classes and to make improvements.
212. No.

213. They should give Pitlochry the school 5/6th year the children deserve and option choices by making it a school that uses technology to teach them e.g. like UHI conference video teaching by teachers that are teaching in a different school but take the subjects the children don't have the options to take otherwise.
214. Should consider ways to expand potential of PHS - connect to Adult learning, provide distance learning links for some wider options choice. Stop the decline by being positive about the future of the school.
215. Include 5th and 6th year and incorporate sports facilities and public library for the area to utilise. Community would benefit and would have generally positive effects.
216. As above, create a super school, and attach leisure, come swimming pool, to the school.as with Aberfeldy. Create membership options, which can then be filtered back into the school...would create better community pride, better lifestyles for kids whom parents are trying to get off computers, and not only tackle education, but also the current episode of obesity in children.....it would also give them somewhere to meet friends after school.
217. The building needs updated and extended to become a community campus. It would be the centre of so much more. Children with extra learning needs have to travel to Perth it's outrageous. We could have a centre where all those local children could get the support the need close to home. Introducing a pool is something which would boost the school to. Everything our children need under one roof. A central hub.
218. Make it a centre for ASN learners, rural skills etc.
219. No.
220. Work with a university committed to widening access (e.g. Edinburgh Napier and/or UHI), to deliver scqf7 first year content in AH provision for S6. This could also be the basis for HND provision for local hospitality, theatre and power employers.
221. Create more of a community campus in Pitlochry. Give the area facilities that can be used out with core school hours. Increase adult education opportunities. Enable the community to thrive and built the options for the younger generation to stay instead of moving away.
222. Use the school more widely for the community.
223. ??
224. Have S1-S6 In Pitlochry! The travel is ridiculous and it's a great school that should be fought for. These are the children of our future. Not just a number or statistic into cost cutting by council!!
225. Just don't close the school.
226. Main concern is preservation of community, well-being, social and academic success of pupils. Schools on the west coast used to be a S4 then moved pupils to Oban for S6. This policy stopped in the 80s. Ask Argyll and Bute why and which option has been most beneficial for all.
227. Use site for community events.
228. Closing PHS will kill the town. This simply cannot be allowed to happen!
229. Build a new school with facilities for the wider community to use on a regular basis. Increase number of pupils by including year 5+6.
230. No. They should close the school and move the pupils to Breadalbane.
231. The ideal option would be an amalgamation of options 2,3 and 6 - a new school building fit for purpose, to include S5 & S6, using remote technologies where appropriate for distance learning, with wraparound childcare for younger children, facilities for the whole community / adult education classes, and much-needed ASN provision, and a school roll boosted by extending the catchment area.
232. One option could be to look at moving Ballinluig pupils to Pitlochry as well if economy of scale is improved by this.
233. Not that I can think of.
234. It should be considered to make PHS a community school with the facilities that other schools have for their pupils and community.

235. Children and their education should come first, instead of politics. Option 1 should be considered because when the secondary school was built in the 1970s, 1980s, the builders who built the school back then said that it would last about 40-50 years, but that 40-50 years term is nearly over, so it would be nice to have a new school once again. Option 2 should be considered because when you choose your subjects for your national exams in S4, it is a very stressful period of time, so I think that you should sit your Highers and Advanced Higher exams at the same school that you sat your National exams at. Option 3 should be considered as well because to extend Pitlochry High School's catchment area would (possibly) make sure that the school wouldn't be under this "threat" anymore.
236. To improve condition rating of entire school by re-furbishing and developing it with sufficient funding to provide 5&6th year for school and to also include facilities for the entire community including learning facilities, live active leisure and sports facilities, after school breakfast and holiday clubs, library, all in one community campus. Our local community needs this and should not have to commute to another area almost 1 hour away.
237. Personally, I feel the council should have given consideration to building a community campus/ school at Ballinluig which would have serviced Pitlochry, Aberfeldy and Dunkeld areas. I know this isn't an option now but it would have serviced the whole of highland Perthshire without discriminating against any one community. I feel the same about the hospital but that's a different subject altogether!
238. A community campus that meets the needs of the community as a whole. It's the way forward.
239. Improve the school, increase the facilities and make it a desirable place for the whole community to enjoy. We are a close knit community who are proud of our town.
240. I feel that every effort should be made to provide facilities of a much higher standard than exists at the moment at Pitlochry High School - both for the pupils, in order to give them a wide choice of subjects particularly higher up the school, and for the community, to encourage clubs and groups to use the school as a community campus. This might involve the possible closure of other limited facilities within the town.
241. None.
242. Improve facilities and include S5 & S6. Great for the community. If had facilities like cafe, Library, leisure centre etc. no need to go to Perth. I and I know others would use these facilities.
243. Dunced pupils who are possibly be sent to a Perth high school should be given the option of coming to Pitlochry high school. We should have the right to remain rural.
244. Without a doubt the best option would be to create a community campus here in Pitlochry. Extend the school here to create a proper community campus with the same facilities that are available at Breadalbane. This would be of benefit to the whole community, residents of every age. It would give the pupils and the people of Pitlochry a school to be proud of (not that we aren't already very proud of our school and the achievements), with facilities that could be enjoyed by everyone, enhancing people's lives in so many ways. Giving indoor activity facilities during the winter when weather bad, as the Live Active Atholl is open for limited hours. Use could be made of that building for a children's soft play/activity centre, which could be used by residents and visitors alike, and other uses - the ideas are limitless.
245. Exploring how school can become more of a true community campus with lifelong learning for all ages that would give opportunities for greater community mixing and delivery of other types of education and training that could lever in additional resources.
246. Does the Directorate have a preferred option? After all, in a consultation as distinct from participation, input can be heard without any commitment for it to influence the final decision.
247. Improve the facilities for the school but look at how the community can benefit leisure space: swimming pool: better sports facilities: move other council offices into the building
248. Provision of community campus similar to other Perthshire schools.

249. Yes, as outlined above, I think that these local schools should offer a specialism that is linked with the community. i.e. Pitlochry offering theatre, music, digital arts and tourism (Linked to the theatre, other local businesses and Dundee University in digital arts); Logierait - entomology (study of insects and mini-beasts) as they presently have a butterfly farm and input from a famous entomologist; Breadalbane to develop its rural and geographical studies and may be have a university campus attached to the school in this area. And the other small schools both primary and secondary to take on this model reflecting the area.
250. I have always promoted the idea of creating a community 'school/pod' which includes recreational facilities, library, council buildings etc. This would keep everything together, allow for sale of other council buildings and promote positive relationships.
251. Improve PHS for the future - put the safeguards in place to move the school to an improved category. Include S5 & S6 to increase opportunities for our children - use digital learning resources. Increase the catchment - listen to the parents of other surrounding areas and help their families benefit from a comfortable learning experience.
252. A combination of Options 2 & 3 appears to offer the best solution for Pitlochry and surrounding district.
253. Option 2 is great.
254. Breadalbane and Pitlochry amalgamate under a new name. Both campuses operate separately but share teachers and resources. Teachers travel between schools (in cars) rather than pupils. Many lessons could be joined using video conferencing with face to face lessons regularly.
255. Do not close this school.
256. Make it into a campus.
257. PHS requires to be upgraded to a community campus and to bring together a range of community facilities such as the library, sports and leisure facilities, a café to create a community hub - somewhere all members of the community can come together (Young and old) and interact and get to know each other - to create a better community, enhance both physical and mental health and wellbeing of all members of the community - give older members of the community a chance to meet younger members of the community, give a place where young mums can come together where there is a bit of space to enjoy a coffee and a bit of adult chat, provide facilities in the holidays where children can come and have fun together. A modern vibrant environment for all secondary years would enhance their wellbeing's and allow each potential to be achieved without the fear of having to move to a new school for the final 2 years of school. This would secure the future of the community and encourage families to move to the area. Along with better childcare, this would also keep the local tourism industry vibrant and local businesses going.
258. Build a new school to include community facilities.
259. Not really, I prefer the idea of continuing with the way things currently are.
260. Although Breadalbane's PFI deal is cited as a problem, I cannot see why for the delivery of professional teaching services Aberfeldy and Pitlochry could not become one high school on two campuses. This is a quite normal practice in further/higher education. So teachers would do the travelling, not the pupils, especially since many of the teaching staff are not locally resident in either Aberfeldy or Pitlochry and travel anyway. Some clever timetabling would be necessary, but a creative answer could surely be found and help mitigate the downward trend in pupil numbers.
261. None. The best option appears clear. Extend catchment areas, increase numbers, have the high school cater up until the final year rather than move kids about.
262. Invest in making Pitlochry High School a local centre of excellence and expand its facilities, possibly so the local community could benefit from them as well (sports complex, etc.). Add GME to attract more local families.
263. Make more investment in Pitlochry High School and move other council run services such as library, live active leisure and adult learning services there to create a community hub.

264. An overhaul of the present school to make it more of a community hub including sports fields, swimming pool, library, gathering hall. All ages to attend of pupil from nursery through to s6 to give continuity to the education. The council will plead poverty if so they should be held to account over every single penny they spend e.g. hosting high end show rugby matches on the inch (e.g. Glasgow vs Harlequins)--(a wonderful waste of money!!!) Another option would be a community buy out to build their own school facility that is then leased back to the council for a long term rent. This option has already been pioneered by Acharacle on the west coast where they built their own primary and leased it back to Highlands and Islands council to recoup the cost. So the model works.
265. Consider the potential benefits to the community, which includes the pupils and their families. Invest in the school in a creative way that improves the educational outcomes and also the community services, well-being and prosperity. Add S5 & S6, increase the catchment to Kirkmichael, implement virtual learning via this new-fangled thing called the internet linking all schools in PKC, move the leisure centre and library, and other council services to the school, along with the costs which are associated to those satellite facilities. Library only open 16hrs/week; leisure centre closed at weekends, and neither could be classed as 21st century facilities. The school buildings are vastly underutilised at present, as they close at 3:30pm, close for very lengthy holidays and every weekend. Improved facilities would provide a source of income from use by the wider public, and deliver the services and facilities so needed by the vast land are it would serve, not to mention attraction of, and use by, visitors to the area, bringing further revenue to local businesses, and by default revenue to central and local gov't. Why would any coherent organisation keep numerous facilities, all partly used and all of a condition needing upgrading? Centralising those services to what is the most beneficial for the users would strongly suggest making the school a community campus. PKC and many other councils throughout Scotland (and internationally) have already proven this to be an efficient model. If you've already got best practice to benchmark against, why would anyone who manages the public money for the benefit of the public that they serve, not chose to follow that best practice?
266. A combination of Options 2 & 3 appears to offer the best solution for Pitlochry and surrounding district.
267. Option 6 as per consultation afternoon.
268. Increasing the usage of the school buildings should definitely be reviewed i.e. the library could be moved to the school. Opening a nursery on the school grounds. Childcare is a big problem in the area and this would definitely help. Including breakfast and after school clubs would be a good idea.
269. Enlarge catchment, keep S5 and S6 at Pitlochry.
270. No.
271. Yes increase the catchment area. We live outside the catchment area and travel to Pitlochry for the school and area its-self are more suitable for activities and the social development of our children.
272. No.
273. As with some of the options above spend some money on the school and improve it.
274. Would you subsidise my children to get to Kingussie or for them to endure a taxi then bus journey over to Breadalbane?
275. No.
276. It is not acceptable to ignore the rural schools. The only acceptable option is to invest and modernise the school which will benefit pupils and the community. In addition, the library and leisure centre should be included in the school building.
277. I think an alternative would be to close the town hall and leisure centre and merge them into a school campus. As a parent of pre-school children there is a serious lack of opportunities for them and a drive to Aberfeldy is not possible. A local sports hub would be a brilliant investment in our community.
278. New building should be planned to form a community campus much like what Breadalbane gained in 2011. Incorporating the community into the school would be

- beneficial for the community, public and pupils. New facilities and resources could provide a greater learning experience for pupils, allowing them a better education level.
279. I urge the committee to consider only to addition of 5/6th year to Pitlochry high school.
280. No.
281. Aggregation of PKC services on the school campus and modest increase in facilities to make the campus a focus for wider community activities.
282. Pitlochry High School should be an all-through school from Nursery to S6, this should have been implemented when the school was built in the 1970s.
283. Option 6. XXXXX, a former pupil, has put forward an option for a community campus offering Lifelong learning for adults as well as opening up options for existing pupils. This would breathe life into the community which passionately believes in retaining the Secondary school.
284. I think Pitlochry High School should be improved and the roll widened to include S5/6 and pupils from a wider catchment area. I also think if it is affordable that facilities for the wider community can be extended so the school can be utilised more by people other than just pupils.
285. Level of usage of school reduction must deter young families from coming to or remaining in area with consequences so finding for improvements must be a priority.
286. No.
287. XXXXX Option of reallocating funding and expanding Pitlochry High School into a community campus is an exciting progressive option worthy of an elected representative. Expanding into S5 and S6 and bringing the library and sports facilities into one campus is worthy of consideration.
288. Extending the use of the building to a community campus, make use of the building out with school times and this will generate further income. You just have to look at other campuses to see how successful they are.
289. No.
290. I fully support the option put forward by the parent council. To include S5&6, to extend the catchment. To incorporate community facilities such as leisure and library and to have provision for ASN. Our children deserve no less. For years Pitlochry has been ignored while money was pumped into Aberfeldy. Our community deserves the same investment into its future.
291. No.
292. Invest turn it into a campus move the library the leisure centre there and create a community centre which will grow the school mean more house growth and business growth which will bring in more to Pitlochry and the surrounding areas
293. High school is extended to 5th and 6th year, catchment is extended to Dunkeld and Kirkmichael and North of Blair Atholl.
294. Community College Status, aspects of some adult learning, not leisure but skills such as computing, agriculture, retail training. Enabling the local workforce.
295. Keep the school open.
296. Pitlochry High School should remain a safe and sustainable place for future generations. Why build a new village/extension to Perth in Bertha Park when there is already a thriving existing town here in Pitlochry worthy of and long overdue for investment? Services should be designed around people and communities. Children, young people and adults should have access to LOCAL learning opportunities. Address inequalities by providing the children and people of Pitlochry with * s5 and s6, * improved up to date facilities in the form of a new school or very much enhanced existing building, * specialist Additional Support Needs provision, * relocated and improved leisure and sports facilities, * enhanced subject choice, *community library and public buildings for community groups, and therefore a reason to live, learn, work and support our thriving town.
297. The more that is invested in children and education the more prosperous we become. Politicians are so short sighted.

298. Option 6 proposed by XXXXX. Need a combination of 5th & 6th year, extended catchment and building improvements including co-location of Library and leisure facilities.
299. Build a community campus to make it a hub for the local community. Pitlochry is massively under sold regarding facilities. Gym, swimming pool, conference facilities etc. Give the community something useful that all ages can use.
300. Create an academy in Pitlochry that provides facilities like library, swimming pool, gym, climbing wall.
301. If Pitlochry closes it will have a huge impact people will stop living here so therefore you could very well see a huge drop in primary numbers.
302. The option of investing in a new 'fit for purpose' building that includes nursery, primary and secondary schooling through to S5 & S6 and a hub for other public and community services is critical for the children and the community. The whole Pitlochry High building, from nursery through to Secondary, requires modernisation. Investment in the Secondary school should not be considered in isolation from the investment required in nursery and primary schools. Capital and operational cost savings can be made through combining the three schools, which brings benefits to the children by sharing facilities and resources. The town library and leisure facilities are operating in older, costly to run in inefficient buildings, which badly need investment. Relocating these to the school, combining these services would reduce costs and provide a better learning and active environment for the children and community and give a strong message to the community that PKC are committed to the principle of Life Long Learning in all their communities. This is not about investing in a huge oversized building, but an innovative, low carbon, fit for purpose space that fits the needs of the community. To ensure a wide range of subject choices are available to S5 and S6, innovative 'Perth City Campus' style learning initiatives should be introduced. This could be through distance learning with shared teaching resource between Breadalbane and Pitlochry. Such solutions should be actively promoted for rural schools and communities and there should be no excuse given the rollout of rural broadband infrastructure. The Open University provides an excellent example.
303. There is a long overdue opportunity to invest in improved educational facilities (incorporating innovative learning technologies) coupled with improved community facilities in Pitlochry such as sports facilities, library, e - learning facilities, community cafe and adult vocational skills provision using enhanced school facilities potentially out with school hours. The community campus model is already proven in other areas and could breathe new life into our community delivering real economic growth potential.
304. There may be scope to provide additional community facilities on the school site, although there is limited space available (thanks to historic sale of significant areas of surrounding land).
305. The whole decision to review Pitlochry High School has no practical justification. Investment in education will always pay dividends for the nation's wellbeing.
306. Promote the community based approach to schooling. Enhance the facilities education/ training leisure and see the buildings as a community resource. The school Academy approach is probably one worth exploring.
307. The way forward to improve & increase the educational opportunities is to rebuild, renovate Pitlochry High School for the benefit of all concerned.
308. I have no other option to give, other than the essential fact that it is essential to retain Pitlochry High School in the community with the latest technologies available.
309. a) Get P&K Council to finally enable the construction of reasonable rental/cost houses to be built in and around Pitlochry so that young working families can move here and settle here. We do not need more high value retriial houses. b) Get P&K Council to encourage the setting up of small scale businesses and light industry in the area. c) In the meantime until school pupil numbers rise as they will make a virtue of smaller class numbers to continue the excellent education given to pupils of Pitlochry High School.

310. Create a new campus at Pitlochry sustain and support all local schools in Logierait and Grandtully. Diversity in opportunity/ education is vital to rural communities. The viability of small towns is important for them to sustain and grow. Create centres for excellence in education, using local knowledge to create places for learning that serve & sustain the population.
311. Yes, a combination of 2 and 3 plus including facilities for wider community such as library, adult learning facilities etc.
312. The option put forward by Pitlochry - include council services etc., and upgrade to S5 & S6.
313. A multi-purpose in Pitlochry. Specialist provision for autistic children, as more in the area. Where I lived before some children travelled to another school if it offered a subject generally less in demand e.g. certain foreign languages. Information technology to allow distance learning (like the Open University) more childcare, breakfast club, after school club, holiday clubs.
314. Increase building rating & catchment areas. New dualling A9 would make it quicker & safer than transport to Breadalbane. Include S5 & S6 with course enhancements.
315. Investment from local businesses, charity organisations, enchanted forest.
316. If school has to close or reduce secondary, then move the children at start of S3 with attendance. Transport available for them to partake in extracurricular activities.
317. Build a new school. "Fit for purpose".
318. 2 & 3 are really the only options I feel are acceptable.
319. Option 6 - keep the school open and offer S5/S6.
320. Only option 6! That parent council are proposing.
321. Investing is the only option for Pitlochry next thing you would be closing the hospital.
322. Building a new school.
323. Yes. The suggestion of transferring council offices from Pullar House to empty space in other existing council property seems like a reasonable option. The money gained could then be used to cover repairs at PHS.
324. Build new school for 5-18 year student and then by giving community better leisure opportunities.
325. Build a school fit for 21st century, introduce S5&6, extend the catchment area, relocate the public library, and council offices and Live Active leisure centre to the school site. Provide an integrated adult community facility. The leisure facility in Pitlochry (Live Active) is very poor & does very little to inspire health & wellbeing, it would be ideal to integrate it into a new school.
326. Option 6: a) Extend catchment to include Kirkmichael Primary. b) Add 5th & 6th year. c) Improve building and relocate local library and leisure facilities.
327. Pitlochry has become an old people's home for wealthy tourist/ traffic is a nightmare in the summer. For young people to thrive bigger facilities are needed & could be based around a refurbished high school building. Swimming pool and sports facility & young people's centres.
328. Develop school in Pitlochry and broaden concept of improving social/sports provision in community.
329. The 'Campus' proposal with library & leisure centre would be ideal if combined with a greater effort to preserve affordable housing that won't become holiday homes.
330. Affordable housing. We need less holiday homes - a list of the properties that are holiday homes would be ideal for local people but they are being priced out.
331. Put option 2& 3 together to give the best possible outcome for sustaining the occupancy of the school.
332. There are always alternatives, but I would not include PPI in these. You seem to have missed the achievements of the pupils at Pitlochry HS from your posters/slides, this of course, benefits Breadalbane Academy results.
333. Extend the catchment area.
334. Upgrade building to include community facilities (e.g. leisure facilities, retirement facilities). Include wrap around care facilities.

335. Close High School and build new primary with community facilities. Extend catchment area to amalgamate feeder schools. More cost effective. Unity attached to accommodate suitable facilities for inclusion.
336. No.
337. No.
338. If the building can be extended, increase staffing. There are buildings which can be utilised (in the town) for extra teaching space. Use porta-cabins. All until the money is available to build from scratch or to add-on to the existing facility.
339. If something takes place in one community - even nominally for the whole of Highland Perthshire - the other community misses out. Public transport links are appalling so parents with children in Breadalbane & no car will miss out & dis-incentivised to attend meetings. Without a secondary school inter-generational voluntary activities would fall apart. Also the extra 2 hours travel to extra homework at secondary & the kids have no time to volunteer. Day release volunteering in Pitlochry from school would be impossible as it would require a car or minibus, so we would miss out both ways.
340. Extend the provision of education at PHS to include S5 and S6 Extend the catchment to increase occupancy and benefit the wider Highland Perthshire community Increase the sharing of teachers across PKC schools to broaden subject choices for all pupils Increase the use of technological solutions such as distance learning, to broaden subject choices for all pupils Improve the facilities at the school for the wider benefit of the community. E.g. consolidation of the library facilities to provide a better overall service with longer opening hours. Create some community hub facilities for sports and leisure.
341. PKC should be looking at 21st century thinking for all of their schools, rather than persisting with a Victorian approach to educational services. There are undoubtedly challenges with the provision of a high-quality education for all pupils across the authority, but PKC need to be creative in their approaches. This should include the opportunity to rethink the school staff so that shared teaching between schools becomes normal rather than exceptional. Technological solutions, with linking of schools via digital learning technologies should be further explored, as they already have been in many Scottish school systems. I believe that Pitlochry High School should receive investment to achieve the following: Expansion to include S5 and S6; Expansion of the catchment to increase pupil numbers; Higher levels of investment, beyond current levels, to improve the condition of the buildings; Investment in teacher sharing between PKC schools (teachers travel, rather than pupils); Investment in 21st century technology for the delivery of increased subject choices across Highland Perthshire. Consolidation of other PKC facilities (e.g. library and leisure centre) on the High School site to provide a community hub.
- 342. Option 6 – Extend catchment to include Kirkmichael Primary catchment, add 5th & 6th year on and improve the building condition – including co-locating other services such as Library and Leisure Facilities.**

Comments related comment number 342 above.

343. Excellent suggestions by Councillor Xander McDade on how to fund a new school. Why isn't this being considered?
344. Vital to the health and wellbeing of the community, small 1-6 year schools help build good community spirit. A wise option.
345. Why close something that is desperate of nurturing for future generations. A9 dualling is going to affect increasing future population. Once closed this will make a mockery of stats on population growth.
346. Yes please! Would make a huge difference to children if they could choose to have continuous secondary education locally.
347. Is this viable? (additional comment: Yes see above answer)
348. Best option! Community campus enhances the town and allows everyone to make use of new facilities.

349. Yes option 6.
350. "Options 6" the way to go...
351. Option 6 – New build S5&6 included. Definitely best option for town, pupils and community as a whole is a new rebuilt modern campus.
352. Fear has surrounded the school for too long – future? Security and (school) investment would contribute to the appeal of moving and staying in Pitlochry. XXXXX additional option 6 offers vision not only in terms of schooling but under development of Pitlochry and the surrounding area.
353. Favour this option. In conjunction with affordable housing or tied housing to key community jobs. Would like distance learning to be considered for subjects not catered for at the moment. What would happen to existing leisure centre and library?
354. Keep the school open with improved facilities for the wider community – close Council offices and centralise all services.
355. Yes please. Why has it not already been done. Our children deserve the best education Pitlochry is already outperforming the Perthshire average in terms of exam results. Think what could be achieved with better facilities.
356. Yes.
357. Involving Live Active Leisure can allow access to different types of funding like the Gannochy Trust etc.
358. Yes. This is the way forward.
359. The only solution.
360. This will be great for not only the kids but the community.
361. Totally agree – Perth and Kinross need to look at the bigger picture and use funders far more effectively.
362. Most important to attract new businesses with employment opportunities otherwise Pitlochry will just be a retirement village. Very worrying.
363. Best option by far.
364. And there we have it... the actual solution! Well done.
365. The theatre is about to/plan to expand. Add this to the A9 dualling and we will need and want to attract more families to Pitlochry. Don't do this and we will move to Perth.
366. What Pitlochry needs in the long-term is the continuation of option 6 and more affordable housing that won't become holiday homes.
367. Providing library and leisure services with PHS is a fantastic solution to future proof this vital community. It will attract families to the area. Tourism and culture are growth industries. You will need an education, youthful workforce.
368. This is by far the best option as it benefits the school (pupils) and the community. It would increase the town's sense of ownership of the school and as a community centre. It may well increase the numbers of pupils in the area as many parents from elsewhere would consider educational opportunities in the area before choosing to start a business or accept a job in the area.
369. Really good idea to boost numbers and encourage growth in the community. A swimming pool on the premises would benefit the kid's health. Other sport facilities would be great. Everything under one roof makes it so much easy for parents to get use of facilities.
370. Love the idea of the whole community can use facilities – this is the vision for the future.
371. Excellent suggestion. Extend the catchment with the enthusiastic offer of those in the catchment.
372. This is the one! Children will not have to travel so far – consider the children who live up Glen Tilt/ Bruar and beyond. The road to Aberfeldy is fraught with dangers.
373. Option 6 – will be the best for our school and community. Children can be brought up together all the way thru school years. School could be used for extra after the school activities. No need to travel.
374. Option 6 would be the best option for every children and parents too.
375. Excellent suggestion. Will ensure the future of younger people moving into the area and put Pitlochry in an equal footing with many other highland Perthshire towns.

376. Excellent 6th option. Would work towards long term benefit of Pitlochry, its young people and future. Would support education and social development.
377. Yes to option 6. The whole issue requires big vision, not short-term thinking! The outcome will last for decades!
378. Highly desirable. Best option for the town!
379. Option 6. This is by far the best option and would have such a fantastic impact on the local community. Pitlochry has suffered from a lack of funding for decades. We deserve these other facilities which other communities take for granted.
380. Consider including Dunkeld pupils that currently go to Breadalbane. A community hub would be fantastic. Intergenerational benefits. Make the investment in improving the building really worthwhile.
381. Option 6 – yes. Extend the catchment areas but all over not just Kirkmichael. As houses 2.5 miles out of Pitlochry are different catchments. Why? When it used to be Pitlochry.
382. This is a good option worthy of consideration.
383. Seems very sensible as it increases occupancy at 2 levels. Young families will also be more willing to stay in the area and contribute to the community, reducing further aging of rural places.
384. Consider moving children from Kirkmichael area to Pitlochry for their secondary education.
385. Option 6 would be the best option and benefit the whole community/ area.
386. The most obvious answer to invest in the whole community. Ensuring future growth.
387. Community hub would be a real draw to get people and ideas together.
388. Extend catchment for all ages. Parents work often dictates. This would probably balance between schools in Pitlochry & Breadalbane. Out of the box thinking. View this as an opportunity. Start working with local businesses more to offer everything within school.
389. This is my preferred option of all and by far the best for the education and wellbeing of our children and community. The interaction of our children from nursery top secondary with each other is precious, our children educated here in our community is essential. Improving the school building to benefit the pupils and the local community is a wonderful idea. A community hub where education could be available to all including a college outreach which is desperately needed. A place for everyone in our community to gather, bond and improve socialisation extracurricular activities for all pupils available at their school, congestion and pollution reduced on our roads. A bright attractive educational prospect encouraging families to stay in the area would benefit everyone.
390. Option 6 – XXXXX suggestion. This is a much better idea than any of the PKC options (1-5). This would enhance the attractiveness of the school to parents (and potential staff), improve educational opportunities for the pupils and provide a boost for the local community.
391. Places such as Kirkmichael and Dunkeld should have a choice if catchment changes – those smaller primary feeder schools should have the chance to attend secondary to S6 in Pitlochry. Best option of all.
392. Consider extending the catchment to include Kinloch Rannoch too.
393. This is by far the best option. This will be great for the community and encourage more families to settle here.
394. This would be a preferred option to encourage families to move to the area and have a secure future for their children.
395. Great idea – why not add swimming centre as well.
396. Option 6 – this is the best, by far, option! It reflects Pitlochry's rightful position in P&K education.
397. Yes! We need to add 5th & 6th year and more community-use facilities i.e. Library, Leisure centre, Swimming, Climbing wall, café, Scouts use etc. The more the community can use in one place the better.
398. This is the best option. Library and leisure facilities on one campus would create a hub for all ages – and a swimming pool would be well used!

399. As a parent to a young family, family services seem very Perth centric. This option is best. Invest in our town. Invest in our children's excellent education from Pitlochry High. More pupils would stay from S4 onwards if it were on one campus and consistent.
400. Surely it makes sense to maintain a school in one of the prime towns in Perthshire, which is attractive to incomers. If there is not enough cash in the budget – rework the budget.
401. This would mean that it would be more likely that pupils who leave after P7 to go to Breadalbane to avoid the difficult transition after S4, would stay. The transition for pupils can be difficult especially at the end of S4. This can mean that pupils choose to leave their education at this point.
402. We need significant investment in Pitlochry including the school. A campus including a library and leisure facilities is desperately needed. Lived here nearly 10 years and there has been little investment from the council in this time. Option 6 is the best.
403. Yes – option 6 is the best option for people, the town, work. Why take it to Aberfeldy. Pitlochry needs this otherwise it will be lost!
404. Yes – option 6. Is by far the best option. Less/ no travel. Less disruption.
405. Yes: - makes sense to spread costs by diversifying and expanding services.
406. The concept of expanding to include Kirkmichael PS is logical, as many families there relate more to Pitlochry than Blairgowrie. Expanding to include P5 & P6 would encourage identity with the school and community. P&KC should maintain its obligation to maintain the school building in good condition, otherwise many more will be wasted unnecessarily.
407. Extend catchment and transfer local facilities e.g. library, social work into the school. Improve buildings and add S5 S6.
408. Option 6 – this is one of the best options which would expand the whole community and enrich the learning experience of the pupils, parents and others.
409. ...hours e.g. sports/ activities/ work experience. Lot of pupils are moving to private schools. Is this because more of the curriculum covered in school hours? CfE was meant to offer autonomy. We could have an earlier start/ breakfast/ lessons in am, activities pm for example. In addition a community hub could offer summer school with accommodation. Pupils could travel between Aberfeldy and Pitlochry depending on need. I know Perth High and Auchterarder do this. Offer more not less.
410. Children do not flourish when moving after S4. They need a sense of continuation and a sense of belonging as part of a community. This option would give them that.
411. Well done XXXXX. Glad you're fighting for Pitlochry. Good option. Why can't Pitlochry have what Aberfeldy has. Keep Pitlochry alive and give us a better school.
412. A good option. The sports (indoor) facilities in Pitlochry currently are poor – this would be good for the whole community – physical health is important could consider different boundaries.
413. Very good option for school and community. Please consider seriously. Best option!
414. Provide sports facilities (to PHS) like you have at Breadalbane and you may find a huge growth in Pitlochry high school numbers – boundaries could change as a result.
415. The best option before us today!
416. This is a lovely idea and in a perfect world I am sure this is what we would all love.
417. All of your options are focussed on building! Please look at the other impacts as buildings probably have the smallest impact (-ve/+ve) on education.
418. Option 6 would be the best option not only for the pupils but the community as a whole. It is hard enough for pupils travelling in S5 & S6 as it is and puts some pupils off of going onto further education.
419. Good idea – but would need money to locate other services.
420. Good, positive option working with and making the most of existing facilities for local families and communities.
421. I think this is a very good option for the community and the children. Keep the town growing and attracting people and families to come and live in the town. Why should all the money be wasted in Perth!!!

422. Have parents at Kirkmichael been asked what they would choose?
423. This is the best option. We need better community facilities in Pitlochry, e.g. a swimming pool, better sports facilities. Families in Kirkmichael are keen to use Pitlochry school.
424. A good idea – especially improvement of buildings – more money should come this way!
425. A good option. Increase sports facilities – may be dare I suggest a swimming pool. We would really be a community school if this option is adopted – put some heart into Pitlochry.
426. Exactly what should be done – brilliant plan – a great benefit for the area – well don't all!
427. Best option yet – would be ideal if possible although extending catchment area not my priority but continuation to S6 15.
428. This option makes the most sense. It would solve all the problems. A lot of the children who have left the school are because they want to either transition early before S4 or do their entire secondary at one place. This would get rid of that need. I don't want my children riding a bus for almost an hour to get to school when they could just walk down the street. Having a fall school would also encourage more families to move here as they would have a good option for their family. Especially with the added library and leisure facilities. With Pitlochry on the A9 it makes more sense to pour resources into this town than Aberfeldy which is harder to get to. We have many families in town who have moved from larger cities (even London) and (sometimes) commute because they want the rural environment. These are educated people and will expect a good education for their children. If this is a town without a secondary option they will choose somewhere else instead bringing their skills and business elsewhere.
429. This is such a sensible and logical option. I have always thought that creating a campus would benefit the entire community. Get the Perth College outreach here again so you can do courses, work with the theatre to create drama programmes for the children. Have a public library and sports hall. Have meeting rooms so woman's rural etc. can meet. Have a drop-in café, develop the night classes, have amateur dramatics group. Make it a real community hub. The community working together with the school. A place to get involved and make friends. Mother & toddler groups, chairs, different sporting clubs and activities. The list is endless. I have a child with a disability and it terrifies me at the thought of him moving to Breadalbane with my son and us a family. It would be devastating to see him have to move schools. Please consider this option, I'm sure that increasing the catchment can only benefit the community if occupancy is below the level it should be.
430. I like the idea of co-locating the library etc. but suspect Kirkmichael parents would be v reluctant to send their children to Pitlochry – especially in the winter.
431. To shut the secondary would discourage families from moving to the area. I believe this evaluation process has resulted in some pupils moving to Breadalbane and Morrison's, so just talking about shutting it has been a factor. If there were no secondary school here we would not have moved here. With all things considered – this is the best option for both the pupils and community. As a family we are not inclined to have our children on a bus for 1 hr a day to go to school.
432. Best option on table. Vital for economic welfare of tow leisure centre, town offices, library resited in school campus excellent idea. This would encourage more Logierait/ Kirkmichael pupils to attend.
433. This is clearly the best option for the community. Recognise there is a cost but Pitlochry has a lot of catching up to do v. Breadalbane and it deserves a bit of attention for that reason alone!
434. No to including Kirkmichael Primary (not good for small people to travel said distance. 5th & 6th year, yes definitely and improve (ongoing) PHS building. Definitely not include library (public) services. Definitely yes to sports facilities. Breadalbane pupils already use basketball here.
435. This would appear to be the best option, to improve the numbers, and we are so much needing leisure facilities here. Aberfeldy and Pert have a great range of facilities; it is not Pitlochry's turn to be updated. It must not close!

436. Extend area good. And 5th & 6th good. Uses facilities XX and then improve condition of buildings. Reasons all community XX in Pitlochry rather than current fragmentation.
437. 6 XX in use of all buildings in study rather than part condition.
438. Yes to 5th & 6th year. Yes to improving leisure facilities, esp as pupils often have to walk to leisure centre during school time already. Not sure re library as difficult for older people to come up the hill to access this, although there is a bus.
439. All my teachers are leaving @ Breadalbane. I will continue my Highers without my teachers one of which isn't even qualified for the subject.
440. Best option is so good.
441. Best option. Option 6 is superior! We ♥ opt. 6. ☺
442. More opportunities + activities = well-rounded education.
443. By having a campus with more things to do will lesson boredom & lesson things like drug usage rates, mental health problems in young people. As a former Pitlochry student (currently in S5 Breadalbane) I believe this is the best option. Moving schools is disruptive in so many ways; more facilities = more stuff to do.
444. As a young person in Pitlochry there is nothing to do. Providing a campus with things for young people to do will reduce drug and alcohol offences/ rates (which is a massive problem here).
445. The best option and right option. What message do we send our young people if society doesn't work creatively and tirelessly to secure our children's choices and futures. Love this option.
446. Option 6 is a great idea that should be treated the same as council-proposed options. As a current Breadalbane S5 pupils, who spent up to S4 at Pitlochry. PHS provides a much better education and this should be taken advantage of, not neglected!!
447. Option 6!
448. Leisure facilities are much needed as is our High School!!! I would love to see a 5th + 6th year implemented!
449. This is the best option – Pitlochry needs a community facility to make economies whilst keeping pupils in the heart of the town and be given afterschool facilities.
450. I choose option 6. Finally an option that makes sense!! I know that money needs to be saved but please consider my children's education and this brilliant school as important and do away with the silly light switch on in Perth!!!
451. Best option available – could be part funded by council selling premises of leisure centre/ library and from money paid from building/ planning payment.
452. Option 6 is the best option. Greater usage of the building by extending school roll and co-location of services makes both educational and economic sense.
453. Best option. If finances can be found. Children from beyond Kirkmichael already attend nursery and primary!! Making a mini community campus is a great idea.
454. This is the best option, however I would be interested to know how it would be financed.
455. Please see notes on Option 2 which are relevant to option 6. Option 2&6 (+3) is the best option and could so easily be combined.
456. Aberfeldy is significantly smaller than Pitlochry – they have one!
457. This is my preferred option because 1) Current building old and outdated. This would improve fabric of site. 2) Integration of library and leisure facilities into a campus, which is much needed. 3) Integration of school into community. 4) Give facilities for children to access out of school hours.
458. Not so sure I totally agree with this option you have a library and library staff who work with the children here all week the library is not open every school day. Where would they be job wise. However I do think it should have leisure facilities and be a 5/6 year school.
459. Consider options 2&6 and 3 this is an easier option to implement.
460. This would be the best option by far and makes a lot of common sense.
461. Option 6. I feel this is the best option for the children and the town as it would benefit the children and parents out of school hours, giving the town a much better school and keeping it our beloved high school.

462. Yes.
 463. Of course this is the optimum option, I don't think anyone doubts that however where is the money for this coming from? Community, social, educational benefits but can we support two such buildings in Highland Perthshire?
 464. Best option. All other options will end up making Pitlochry a ghost town. Community campus = lifetime learning.
 465. Many Kirkmichael pupils already attend. Best and most preferred option for all pupils, staff and our town.
 466. Please combine school, library, leisure centre, town hall (civic hall), black castle interpretation centre, meeting rooms, climbing wall, sport facilities etc. (AstroTurf playing area, pool etc.). XXXXX town hall, council offices, leisure centre and combine in new campus. Would have must use that is a hub for community. Visitors (XXXXX) would also benefit from the facilities.
 467. Best option. But also make links with theatre making a specialist arts provision school. Also summer school options in the Arts/Sciences for children and adults.
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8) How would you describe the community and what are your thoughts on Pitlochry High School (Secondary) as part of the community?

Comments

1. A rural community the size of Pitlochry must include young families and school age children – otherwise Pitlochry will become totally a geriatric home. Children and schools are the life blood of a community.
2. Essential part of the community.
3. If I were young again with children of school age and planning to move to Pitlochry, a main consideration would be “What’s the school like?” I would consider a secondary dept. to be vital. Thus the future population and facilities depend largely on the educational facilities.
4. From a parents point of view Pitlochry is a good place to bring up children. Town children do not have the advantages of being members of a rural community.
5. The community is very close and friendly – everyone ‘knows’ each other if only by face. PHS in my view is the centre of Pitlochry, the heart.
6. Pitlochry High School is a huge part of the community. I moved here 30 years ago at the age of 12 and my parents chose Pitlochry because of the school. Unfortunately I left at the age of 16 because I didn’t want to travel to Aberfeldy.
7. Wholly approve. School should be part of the community. Community in Pitlochry has a significant number of older people who would also appreciate a facility for lifelong education.
8. PHS is an important part of the community. A full secondary and community hub at the school would be a huge benefit to Pitlochry and bring economic benefit to the town as young families would be encouraged to settle here.
9. It’s a good place to grow up.
10. My children enjoyed their education in Pitlochry. The school is involved in the community – having coffee mornings etc.
11. Teachers are helpful and Pitlochry has produced a lot of well-educated people and Olympians.
12. Not enough work. Housing issues.
13. There are always objections to change in the town.
14. Small. Children are an asset. No real trouble – very lucky to live in this city.
15. Hard working busy people paying their rates and expecting PK Council to do their job modestly and with care.
16. The secondary school is an essential part of the community.
17. Without a school the community would die.
18. The community is elderly biased. The reason for this is the lack of affordable housing which is having the effects on the PHS occupancy levels.
19. I would consider the school as one of the ‘hearts’ of Pitlochry. Places that give life, where people of all walks of life con-exist, and a multi-generational hub. It is vital for Pitlochry.
20. Pitlochry High School is a valuable asset to the community. I am so glad that my 3 daughters had the experience they had at PHS and I am sad that this has been put in jeopardy for future children of our school.
21. School is not just about its own community but about serving employment. Health Service and school staff largely travel from Perth and hard to sustain staffing because of limited school provision.
22. If the PHS closes the community would suffer further.
23. Pitlochry high is crucial to the community and I’m so glad I got to experience my education there and want more children to have the same experience I did.
24. Very close supportive community – the school is at the heart of the community.
25. Our children all went to Pitlochry High School and had an excellent education. The worst and most stressful part of their school life was the bus journey to Breadalbane. My

- daughter, who was XXXXX, was put in XXXXX of behaviour on the bus which was sometimes appalling by some of the pupils.
26. If the school were to be developed as per the Parent Council recommendation it would become a more important and integral part of the community to the benefit of the pupils and the town in general.
 27. Pitlochry High School is key within this community. If the school does not get investment and eventually closes it will have a terrible effect on the community. Families will move & Pitlochry will suffer terribly.
 28. Pitlochry is famous for its many tourist attractions so why should such a famous town not have a local school that it deserves?
 29. PHS is the heart of the community if it closes it will not only affect our children but employment future housing and why would families move here if kids at 11years old have to travel.
 30. Pitlochry is a close knit community. We help each other young and old. PHS is an integral part of this community.
 31. I am new to the area but have been very impressed by the connections between the school and the wider community, from the cafés to work experience placements.
 32. The school is integral to this community.
 33. Pitlochry is an “old” community, with high average age. However not everyone wants to live/ work in a city and younger generations are required to support ageing communities. As such, PHS secondary is vital!
 34. We need a high school as we need to keep Pitlochry a town which welcomes families not only ‘old folks.’ Without families in town there will be no – working people for the services. Talk about highland clearances! It will happen again!! : (
 35. Pitlochry is a great community and would suffer immensely if all their young people are bussed out after primary school. School = community continuation. No school takes away their link to the community.
 36. Having brought up my families and worked here for over 30 years, it is a great place to live and work. The school staff and pupils are held in high esteem and are an essential part of the towns live. Without the school the community would have no hear – it is a precious asset for the town.
 37. Pitlochry High School is a huge part of the community – the pupils take part in many aspects of local life out with school life and the community are invited to take part in school life i.e. community café, garden club, sausage sizzle etc.
 38. Pitlochry HS is part of the whole community, and affects other organisations in the town. To have a vibrant school is a major factor in attracting people to come and stay in the area. Otherwise, Pitlochry will continue to decline!
 39. This school is so important to the community. My child loves this school we need to help it.
 40. PHS is absolutely essential to our community, this is a rural community with a wide rural catchment area and does a fantastic job integrating not only the age ranges of pupils with one another but also with the wider community, employers and their rural environment.
 41. As one of the aging community I adore the place. My family had a wonderful education. Did honours degrees at university. Please keep this school.
 42. This school is an integral part of the community for attracting young families to the area. Without it Pitlochry would become a retirement place or holiday place and the infrastructure needed would suffer without the youth of the town.
 43. Pitlochry is an aging community with a new generation of young looking to grow and learn in our community town. The introduction of S5/6 would bring new families and opportunities for all Pitlochry High School is the core of the town – from young to old – which needs protected.
 44. The community would suffer should the high school close. There is tourist work and skills required to support it – electricians, joiners, plumbers etc. young working people would

- think twice about moving here if there was no high school for their children. This town needs a high school going right to 6th year.
45. Pitlochry community is a very good/ safe place to stay, which would be made more interesting if there were more facilities for the wider community.
 46. Community in general are great, very welcoming all band together when needed.
 47. Pupils get involved in activities outside the school.
 48. The school is so important to the community – why would anyone want to move here if there were no school!
 49. Without a high school would become an unattractive place for families to live in.
 50. Take the high school away from Pitlochry and you will be damaging the community. People will no longer choose to live here.
 51. Pitlochry high school is an essential part of the community. The children love their school and loathe being sent to Breadalbane. If we lose it, or its use is decreased, we will lose young families – it will become a less attractive place to live.
 52. I think Pitlochry High School is a very important part of the community. It is very interactive with the community café and the organisations e.g. Rotary Theatre. The community would look out for people and they know one another. Families stay and a few generations live here.
 53. If S5 and S6 included would hopefully get more involved in the Pitlochry community as opposed to not their home.
 54. A very engaged community that is thriving but might not if you remove our secondary.
 55. PHS (secondary) is a very important part of the wider community – many events to include e.g. community café, visits to care homes. Family/ social very important to learning.
 56. PHS at heart of the wider community. To keep town economically viable requires Sec School at its heart.
 57. A school is essential to keep the town alive as a community. Families will decide to move away without a school.
 58. I think that PHS is a good school but like anything needs a revamp! I think that by creating a campus it would open up huge opportunities for the school and community to work together to create a stronger and more positive town. Develop and expand on what already have, don't destroy the school and community.
 59. We have a lot of foreign workers in Pitlochry hotels. Many are coming with children. Some want to stay and make Pitlochry home (they are very welcome). Has Brexit been considered?
 60. We bought 2 plots of land and have planning for 1 and have built 1 – because of the schools. That's why we moved here!! Such an amazing school – our XXXXX is acing school due to great teachers!
 61. It's the heart of the community! Lovely kids, great teachers and staff.
 62. Its important > it's a central part of the community ☐
 63. Closing school would have such an impact on business in the town.
 64. Children can walk to school and the community meets at drop-off and pick up home; coaching children will have a significant environmental impact with too many coaches in town.
 65. It's an increasingly elderly population – this is not just a local town!
 66. The school allows for local children to have a school. The theatre has plans to grow (2020) bringing in more families from outside. The school allows for families in jobs that are not 9-5 to have a local school, giving a chance for family home.
 67. Pitlochry High School is a massive part of the community. The older population is increasing and if the school is taken away there will be less community events for the older people. This will encourage loneliness which is a massive problem already. PHS hosts community cafes, plays music at Balhousie and the tryst day centre to close PHS would contribute massively to a decline in population in the rural area. Does PKC have any ambition for rural areas or is everyone to move to Bertha Park, regardless of choice?

68. School is in the heart of the community & community is the heart of the school. Read the last full inspection report!!
69. Hinterland snow as Blair Atholl, Calvine – need Pitlochry Secondary – too far to travel – used to board in hostel!
70. Pitlochry would turn into Gods waiting room!
71. Pitlochry High School is a vital part of the community. If this school closed it will discourage new families moving into the area.
72. If no secondary school – families will not come to this area to live.
73. There are local jobs – few homes for working people – how many does Bruar employ – have to be bused to work.
74. Pitlochry has a close community ‘feel’. Children from Pitlochry High take part in local events from Festival Theatre to carol signing + raising money for various good causes. It’s nice to see children around + watch them growing up.
75. I don’t think the community would survive without a high school – why would new families move to the area? Who will work in the local businesses? Young people will move away.
76. Blair Atholl + Struan are compact communities + relate closely to Pitlochry – school is an important focus in community and use local facilities e.g. leisure centre, shops, theatre, clubs & churches.
77. Small rural communities need their school. It is the heart of the community. Take that away and less people will move to the area. Small communities are so valuable for our children as are the schools. Expecting children to travel miles to schools is nonsense.
78. Good community spirit in local villages and this continues into Pitlochry. Pupils important in playing a part in this and keeping the sense of community going from grass root level. Every family needs a good school at heart of the community.
79. Schools, like hospitals, are focal points for communities. Pitlochry has a large older population compared to younger families. The issue of affordable housing needs to be addressed.
80. Having come from a small rural community the school is the heart of the community. You take that away and you will destroy the community. Nobody will move to small villages without a school!
81. Essential – it’s vital to keep + preferably expand to 6th year. Close school – loose young families from community will destroy community if closed.
82. The teachers become part of the community and this is what makes our school unique. I have never had this in any other school.
83. Pitlochry HS is at the heart of the community. We are supported by local businesses and services. We help produce young employable adults who go on to great things.
84. Very strong close-knit community. Supportive community. School is central to community.
85. Local identity & sense of belonging. As a rural community we need a secondary school. School has strong links with community groups, employers etc. People comment on how good the links are.
86. Strong community, Secondary are embedded within the community.
87. Teachers that care!
88. Pitlochry has a huge impact on the community. Improving the facility to a community campus will undoubtedly enhance the quality of learning & education from 2 to adult. Without a school we have a reduction in young families coming to the area. Without a school we will have an engaging population. Without a school we will have fewer workers in local businesses & tourism. Without a school we will have no need for affordable housing without a school we will be a ghost town
89. Pupils gain from a safe secure education, supported by the community (e.g. work experience & DWY support).
90. I work in a local community choir – school is hugely important in community and plays a huge part. School is strongly supported by community & supports the local community in turn.

91. Gives young people a sense of belonging, local identity, in a community that will nurture and support them & their families. So many positive connections between school and community.
92. School is supported and works closely with the community. This does not happen like this in many other secondary. School offers a range of activities that young people would not experience otherwise.
93. I moved back to this area to work in the community I grew up in, to support young people in my town. Community matters.
94. Friendly & central.
95. School is the heart of the community, 3+ generations attended PHS. Need secondary school to attract & retain young families & workers to the area.
96. Pitlochry high school goes the extra mile to get things right things for our pupils. The pupils are taught by a strong and cohesive close-knit workforce. The sense of the school belonging in the community is profound and the impact of the schools activities is embedded within the local community. Junior Rangers, John Muir Award, Young Chef, Community Café's, work with the elderly...
97. I chose to live in the community as many school staff do. PHS is a rural community.
98. Great community spirit. School well thought of. Part of the community. School holds community together.
99. The school is very important in the community especially for new people moving to the area. It's a chance to meet people through your children's time at school and also employment chances for locals.
100. Key part of the community. Has given continuity & stability for years. It creates a sense of common culture & experience.
101. The school is a vital part of the community: links with elderly; links with tourist industry; links with sport teams; vital to have young people in this community of retired.
102. The secondary school is essential in both attracting families to the area and keeping young people in rural areas once they have left school. The secondary contributes enormously to the community.
103. Without education, how can the community exist?
104. Pitlochry high school is vital to our community. It is the heart of the community & provides strong links to the community.
105. My own children went to Pitlochry High School – it is a huge part of the community – we want to keep young people here and in this town.
106. Pitlochry High is a major social part to the community.
107. PHS is at the heart of the community and has community as its heart (so said HMIE). Pitlochry high school has the capacity to link all sectors of the community. Education programmes such as YPI and John Muir are invaluable to the community.
108. If senior school moved the student would lose their sense of community and miss the links with Pitlochry.
109. Pitlochry is a community in the true sense of the word – supportive and dependable. The school is integral to the sense of place.
110. Pitlochry high school is part of the community. There are excellent links between school and community. Community Café's, business links etc.
111. Fantastic. I have worked in many schools & genuinely have never seen one with such a strong sense of community. The pupils & staff all get a superb experience here and are proud to call this their school.
112. I think Pitlochry is a really nice place and everyone is kind to each other.
113. I think Pitlochry High School is really important to Pitlochry community because Pitlochry is big enough for a school. If there was no school then that means there will be no beavers, cubs, scouts, rainbows, brownies and explorers because no children would have time to do all these things like swimming as well.
114. Don't know.
115. I would describe the community as quiet good but at the Enchanted Forest it brings in more tourists, and families. The school will not make benefit if it closes.

116. The community is fun and happy and I love the school. I've walked through the secondary loads and been in lots of the classes and met practically all of the teachers and they are all so funny and nice.
117. I think the school is important to Pitlochry so you don't need to go to Breadalbane.
118. I think the community is quite small and I think it should be a bit bigger.
119. Very important.
120. Very important.
121. The community in Pitlochry is nice and the high school staff and pupils are helpful and can put our ideas forward.
122. Pitlochry is a big school in a tiny beautiful village and we have a chance.
123. I really like Pitlochry because it's really taught me a lot since the 4.5 years I've been here.
124. I would describe the community as kind helpful and active considering we have the gala day, highland games, Christmas festival and now a bonfire night.
125. I feel that the community is trying to do their best.
126. Pitlochry high school is a great school and a lot of people and pupils will have to spend an hour on the bus and they live in Pitlochry also they might need to move to Aberfeldy.
127. I think that the secondary is very embedded into the community as there are a lot of activities involved with the secondary and community.
128. I think the community of the school is kind and welcoming and we are used to all the teachers.
129. I like Pitlochry High School I think secondary is a part of the community.
130. I really like how they have got a library up a bit because we have one and the older ones have one too.
131. I'm not sure.
132. The school brings kids together and the community is kind and there are lots of kids everywhere.
133. It is a bit dull and at break you don't have everything to do.
134. Supportive, friendly, involved.
135. Supportive, friendly, kind, small but nice!!
136. ?
137. Yes we have a good connection with the community.
138. Not too sure.
139. I think it is amazing.
140. I think that Pitlochry high school is a big part to the community that is why nobody what's it to shut down.
141. I think the secondary is good as you get good experiences and I am learning well. The community is good as well as everyone is nice and we have many enjoyable things.
142. I like Pitlochry high school because it's close to my house.
143. PHS are really good with the community as they do lots of community café's that raise money.
144. Add a swimming pool to the school.
145. It is a good school because you have a lot of your friends here.
146. It is a good school because it is good.
147. I think it is perfect and don't change that.
148. It is quite an important part of the community.
149. I think it brings more people here and businesses.
150. We have like a coffee morning.
151. A good community but would be bad if it was to shut down.
152. It would be a big impact on tourist and families not in a good way.
153. I think everybody in Pitlochry likes the school here.
154. It supports the community.
155. Supports the community.
156. People are nice and friendly.
157. Pitlochry is a great school. I am happy where I am.

158. I think the high school is a very important part of the community.
159. I like the community as it is and it would be better if S5/S6 was here.
160. It is very helpful having it here.
161. It is a good help to the community and also gives space.
162. If the secondary shut down the youth in Pitlochry will decrease a lot.
163. Its good teachers teach well and I think pupils are good in this school.
164. Don't shut the school down.
165. I like really much our school and I don't want to change anything.
166. Less people will not come to Pitlochry.
167. Everyone gets along, friendly, supportive, clean.
168. Less people would come to Pitlochry.
169. Friendly. If the school went so would the community in a way.
170. Less people will come here if the school shuts.
171. Very friendly, happy, friendly, amazing, helpful.
172. Good. There's a good balance of clubs and after school clubs in the area. We get a very good straight education. Food is good there is a wide variety given to us by the council and the diney and the teachers are kind and respective to the pupils in the school.
173. I really like the community.
174. People are very nice when they come to our school and they always have something positive about us and the community are very supportive.
175. I would not want this to happen because I don't want strangers coming into have a swim.
176. Right now, Pitlochry is nicknames the retirement home. If you shut down the school no families will want to move to Pitlochry so the community will die out. If you build a new school add S5+S6, increase the catchment area, add the facilities we want, more people will want to move here and the community will grow.
177. The community is affected from the high school as there is more young people in the community.
178. Will create a bad vibe.
179. The school is part of the community, everyone who lives in Pitlochry has been to the school. They want the younger generation to have the experience that they have had.
180. I liked Pitlochry High School since it's important to the community since it's been here for years.
181. It is a very good school, unlike Aberfeldy for example, not good exam results, Ned wars. I believe that closing the school would be a really bad idea as I'm not a morning person and cannot be bothered travelling to Aberfeldy to get a worse education.
182. The school is very important because without it nobody will move here just to get on a bus for several hours every week. It will become a retirement town. Pitlochry will die.
183. We get the community together e.g. community café. We also do things for the community, junior ranger work.
184. I think it is very important because it allows young kids to develop closer, better bonds with each other that can be lifelong. It is also easier to learn with smaller numbers.
185. It's quite important as it links a lot of people together.
186. It is a retirement town; not many people work here.
187. I don't live in Pitlochry but I would say that anyone who does live in Pitlochry and go to PHS will have to travel to Breadalbane.
188. Very important.
189. It's a huge part of the community and one of the reasons people move up here.
190. Pitlochry High School is a really amazing school with some really amazing people and the teachers have helped me so much. I really don't want the school to close.
191. Our school is amazing and I really enjoy going here. We all have great relationships with the teachers (for the most part) and we're pretty well behaved, because we don't xxxxx or xx xxxxx or xxxxx as much as other schools – in fact, we hardly do it at all – so I really hope you don't close it.
192. It could use a do-up and some work done.
193. Could use a do up but I don't think parents would be happy.

194. My time at Pitlochry has been great the teachers' pay a lot of attention to you.
195. Really good school, good teachers, been at the school since nursery. I had had a good experience, the teachers really helped throughout my years of being here.
196. I have had a really good time at Pitlochry the teachers are really nice and understanding and I have been here since nursery. I would like primary to have the same opportunities as I did through secondary.
197. The community has an excellent atmosphere and the high school is a pillar-stone of the town.
198. A close community. A strong bond between everyone.
199. Lively.
200. Close bond between school and community.
201. It's pretty good. Nice enough.
202. People are nice but school is very bad and it's sad how bad it is.
203. Close to communities as its local and easy access.
204. The secondary school benefits the community.
205. Fun, close, lovely, nice, family-ish.
206. PHS is an integral part of the community as if it wasn't here no family would move here.
207. Pitlochry High School has a major place within the community and has many links and opportunities provided to us. It would be sad to see those links/opportunities become lost and would impact the community greatly.
208. An amazing place, without the Pitlochry High School the economy would fall apart. If the school closes people will move away as jobs are lost and schools are too far.
209. I think it is a great part of the community.
210. Huge parts of the community and people with kids wouldn't move to the area. Jobs wouldn't get young children to work for them because they'd move from the area.
211. Very important part of the community. I really hate school but I LOVE this school and it's a good school. The exam results are better than Breadalbane. I've been at this school since I was 3, it's my home. Sounds cheesy I know but I will sob for days if you close the school!! I don't want my nieces and nephew to have to go to Breadalbane.
212. I think PHS is an important part of the community.
213. There are more young people it helps the young people do extra curriculum locally instead of travelling.
214. Pitlochry High School is a great part of the community!
215. Pitlochry should keep the same, no moving S5 and S6, upgrade the school.
216. The community is good as everyone helps the school and the school helps the community with community café's.
217. The community is okay as everyone helps.
218. My thoughts are the S5 and 6 goes to Pitlochry High School.
219. It is important. Community cafes involve the community.
220. Good environment.
221. Pitlochry High School keeps the community balanced and encourages people to move into Pitlochry. Without the high school the number of young people living in Pitlochry would go down.
222. I think it is really good because you get different subjects than you get in primary.
223. The community in Pitlochry consists mainly of OAPs. If the school was closed down no one would be able to help them across the road.
224. So nice.
225. The community ain't the best.
226. The hall is probably the most important hall when it comes to the community side of things as it is where community cares and important local events are held. It is also one of the things that keeps people in Pitlochry in the first place.
227. The school helps out the community and gets involved with the public a lot, such as community cafes etc.
228. The community is a tight knit small community with everyone helping everyone else (including the school) and PHS as part of the community is vital as shops/businesses not

- only rely on the school but also help the school and the school helps them. Lots of coffee morning and things with the communities.
229. The secondary school is essential to the community as many of the pupils do partake in activities provided by the school who have developed good connections over the years.
230. It holds a community café.
231. It's a small community but a good one. They provided us with many opportunities – bestselling author came and spoke to us, work experience, John Muir, DofE.
232. PHS did a lot for the community, the coffee mornings benefiting the elderly, at Pitlochry we had a lot of opportunity to help the environment that we wouldn't get at Breadalbane (junior ranger etc., John Muir).
233. It impacts the community greatly as it can be seen to be a heart line in the town as it hosts community café's which help us to connect with the older and younger generation in Pitlochry. It also allowed us to get involved with things like DofE, Junior Ranger.
234. Engages with community, e.g. work experience, rural, performing. Personally, I got many opportunities to perform musically within the community which are confidence boosting and really impacted my passion for music. It would be a shame for future pupils/family members to miss out on these confidence boosting experiences.
235. I believe that Pitlochry has a very strong community, and the school plays a major part in it. From community cafes to charity fundraisers.
236. Activities available for students through connections. YPI – school helping connections. Pitlochry does a lot of community cafes.
237. Community comes together?
238. Community are lacking opportunities for several secondary aged children, most do not have the opportunity to travel to places like Perth, Aberfeldy to be involved in activities. Buses limited (less access to travel for activities).
239. I think it's good having a school in Pitlochry as there is a town and it's well-placed. However I feel like Pitlochry's town is higher populated to the elderly, good for coffee mornings.
240. Community like the school and what they do so if you close it then community will be upset. I thought it was good as community had loads of things to do when things come around.
241. The school can host events and can bring families together.
242. I think the school being small allows every pupil to know every pupil and all the teachers know the pupils better. This also leads to school pupils knowing most of people involved with the school.
243. The High School is a central part of any community, even more so in a rural setting. Pitlochry High School delivers a model that other schools should aspire to with regards to teacher: pupil ratios, quality teaching and strong community interactions with local businesses and retailers. As previously mentioned, I'd be interested to hear the views of those Pitlochry pupils who have experienced Pitlochry High School in S1-S4 and then had to move to Breadalbane High School for S5-6. I would also be interested to contrast and compare achievement levels of these pupils during and after the transition.
244. Community is thriving and needs to be nurtured. Secondary school is a credit to the community, with fantastic young people come by through.
245. Pitlochry High School is a community within the town. It brings families, young people and business to the town. The school is at the heart of the community and very much a central hub for learning. It brings generations together at events and celebrations. Links are formed with businesses encouraging pupils into the world of work.
246. Without Pitlochry High School, the community will cease to function as a community leaving the town as a place where people retire to or visit for a few days. Our young people are our future, and if these young people are not educated locally, then even when they leave to go to university or for work, Pitlochry will not be a place where they will consider for their future.
247. A wonderful community and school which deserves to grow and prosper if not "dumped" by P&K council.

248. The community is friendly and safe and the school is at its heart.
249. It's an integral part of the community and helps form a bond between the kids and the community.
250. The school is an absolutely essential resource for a thriving community.
251. We have been seeing a much needed change in the demographic of the town with more young families coming to live here. The reduction in holiday/second homes which stand empty half the year means we have more people being able to live and work locally. Brexit is a disaster for Scotland and for Pitlochry, which has seen many European families choosing to settle in the town in recent times. The loss of the high school would have a huge impact and would also possibly lead to the decline of other services, if families no longer chose to move here. XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX in order to stay in the town and the fact the high school is here was part of that decision. Funding to improve the school would allow for it to be used by the wider community, many of whom just now do not have any engagement once their children have passed through the school.
252. PHS is the best school in the area. It's important to have young people around. Teenagers have opportunity to work part time while still at school. Children are learnt to help other people. All town is always involved with work with school.
253. Pitlochry is a very close community, everybody helps each other. Children of all ages are friends. The secondary pupils are out at lunch time in town going to the bakers and shops for their lunch which gives local businesses business. Some parents have children in primary and secondary, therefore after school they have their older child waiting and looking out for their younger siblings.
254. I have only lived here a year but from what I can see the high school being here or not would have no effect on the community, I never hear anything about the high school apart from the state it's in and the bullying that goes on.
255. Very important to the community people would not move to the area without a high school they also contribute to many areas of village life.
256. It's a massive part of the community if you close the high school it will be very difficult to bring new families into the wider community which will have a knock on effect to local business.
257. Pitlochry has a relatively close knit community with many who have grown up in the town remaining or returning to raise their own children. The school is a core part of that community.
258. Essential for the community as a whole as taking away the school will be taking away the community.
259. Pitlochry has a very strong sense of community and I believe this is centred around PHS as a school, with many families moving into the area and staying throughout their family's education and longer. If this was to close I fully believe that families with young children would relocate to be nearer schools to avoid lengthy travel times for their children. Many parents at the school are business owners and employers in the area. This move would have a catastrophic impact on the economy within Pitlochry and the surrounding villages.
260. Pitlochry is a wonderful community, the school is an integral part of the community. The addition of a community campus built within the existing school grounds would enhance this and bring the community and school even closer and even increase children's participation in local clubs.
261. Community in Pitlochry is not great for size of town. It comes across as every man for their self. One thing for sure though .Talk of closing the high school is pulling it together. There's been a serious drop in young people through the years. So a solid secondary school without threat of closure is most important to the community. Threat of school closure in Pitlochry has been on the agenda since Aberfeldy School was built. Hence Pitlochry schools dwindling numbers.
262. The school has always been a major part of the community and will continue to be so. If the school did not exist the community would suffer immeasurably.

263. Pitlochry High School is at the epicentre of the community with extensive community links, parent and former pupil involvement. The community are devastated by the news as Pitlochry may end up becoming a commuter's town and lack community spirit.
264. Huge part of the community. Opportunities to be involved through the school in loads of local and outdoor initiatives would be removed, but also involvement in extra-curricular activities would be reduced due to the length of day of travelling.
265. The community is quite close knit, and has a strong ethos, however several factors are reducing the number of families and young people in the area. In the long term this will lead to declining economy and community as business struggle to employ people from within the community, resulting in people travelling here to work in a declining population. It's a massively negative spiral, and does not need to be the case.
266. The high school works with and in the community.
267. Pitlochry has a close knit community and the school helps bring this together. It helps new pupils and families integrate into the community.
268. Pitlochry is a lovely wee community that was where I was born and brought up the feeling of everyone looking out for each other!
269. I have not lived in Pitlochry for many years, but do get back home two times a year at least, it's a close community, takes a while to settle in for new people but once settled people stay, it's close enough to travel for work to other areas and it's a super friendly place.
270. Pitlochry high school is very much the heart of the community. One of the few available arranging young families to the area. It counterbalances the drive for Victorian tourism and retirement village feel. The opportunities the school provides to the young people in the village and surrounding areas should not be underestimated.
271. Vital. I have a XXXXX who I am planning the future for and to think XXXXX might have to travel from Blair Atholl to Aberfeldy on a bus on bad dangerous roads especially in winter terrifies me. PHS needs to be retained at all costs to promote a healthy and vibrant community. If it goes there will be a mass exodus of young families to areas closer to the other school.
272. The school is the centre of the community and these days you are trying to encourage children to respect and volunteer in the community. If they are tossed away somewhere else this will not happen and children will move away and then the average of Pitlochry will increase. We don't want that a community is about everyone no matter their age, background, race, religion. Take the school away you will have no community and Pitlochry will suffer.
273. PHS reacts better with the Community than other schools I have with which I have dealt
274. Pitlochry has a higher than average old age demographic and needs more young people to keep the community active and thriving. To lose Pitlochry High School would be such a shame.
275. Pitlochry high school is the heart of our community and we are all incredibly proud of it! It is always with great pride, when asked where our child goes to school, that we can say Pitlochry high school. It's known to be a good school, great teachers and wonderful education, our children are happy and thriving at our school so to have our high school under review with an option of closure, is pretty disgraceful PKC.
276. Vibrant community with lots of social activities, opportunities for part-time jobs for senior pupils, thriving tourist industry all in wonderful location. School is invaluable. Need to keep the High School to maintain the age ratio balance, otherwise the town will become full of mature/retired residents who would be unable to keep the present facilities viable. The school provides facilities for some community events, the pupils take part in a variety of things and the town would be a far poorer place without them.
277. Pitlochry High School (secondary dept.) has a good relationship with the wider community and many of its additional pupils experiences such as John Muir Award, Junior Ranger Awards, Young Philanthropy Initiative, Duke of Edinburgh Award name but a few, are supported by the wider community. The pupils at the school run regular Community Cafe events and raise funds for charities. The cafe events are well

- supported by the community and are an opportunity for real interaction between the young people and their neighbours to the benefit of all concerned.
278. The school is at the heart of the community and the council will not be held accountable till years down the line when it shows this has devastated the local community
279. A tight knit community with the pupils of the school playing a massive part within it. Children should be allowed to be schooled in their own localities rather than transferred elsewhere where they no longer get the chance to take part in community events for their own locality.
280. The school is a massive part of the community!
281. The Pitlochry town community is very diverse but depends a great deal on tourism for its economic well-being. It is a bustling town which deserves its own school and the removal of the school would be detrimental. The tourism businesses employ young people who are parents and they benefit from a local secondary school for the education of their children. If such a facility were not there they would be less inclined to come and work in Pitlochry. The school has multi-layered links with the community through generations of former pupils who live in the area and through modern communication links to the diaspora. The John Muir Award has established links not just with the John Muir Trust but through the hard work of XXXXX with the Cairngorms National Park staff, the Atholl Estates, the National Trust for Scotland, the Scottish Wildlife Trust and indeed HPCLT (see www.hpclt.org).
282. It's a great thing to have in this town. People feel like they belong if you go to school in the same town, the families and kids contribute to the community and moving them away the town will suffer.
283. PHS plays a large part in local community. It's central to many of the community resources in the area.
284. Very important part, Pitlochry may become run down if younger generations don't move here.
285. Pitlochry has an older population than the average in Scotland and it needs young people to volunteer to pick litter, organise fire work displays, work in cafes.
286. Close knit, highland Perthshire community with fantastic teaching, location and facilities. The school is an integral part of the community. Should the school close and pupils made to attend Breadalbane, we will have generations of children travelling unnecessary miles every day, learning and engaging outside of their own local community. Pitlochry is a fantastic town and everything needed to educate and mentor kids is here! Don't outsource the kids' education.
287. Massive part of the community and to close would be the worst thing anyone could ever do. Devastating for families and for the school children.
288. Integral to the community - both of my children went there and was quite disruptive to then transfer to Aberfeldy to stay in further education. Am sure lots have left school who would have stayed on if fifth and sixth year in Pitlochry. Teaching is excellent and I think it would be a disgrace in this day and age if the school were to close.
289. As any small town the school is at the core of the community but there is scope to improve on this. Any sense of community would be lost if all our young people had to go to school in Aberfeldy from S1. Quickly they would become part of Aberfeldy community, all extra curriculum activities and clubs would die a death as the children would take part in these things in Aberfeldy.
290. Any school is important within the local community. However Pitlochry itself is home to more older residents so it's obvious why numbers are dropping.
291. PHS is and always has been at the heart of the Pitlochry community. Without it, the town will be permanently consigned to being yet another Victorian holiday resort, exclusively inhabited by pensioners and holiday home-owners. Keep young people in Pitlochry and keep the town alive.
292. The local community is a very mixed demographic, perhaps more so that seems likely: while there is considerable wealth in the area there is also rural poverty and deprivation - the impact on this is apparent within the school community. The school therefore is a

hub which allows children to access education on an equal footing to others. The school represents an inclusive environment where all, young and old, are welcomed at school events. PHS is central to the local community and deserves to be viewed as such. Developing the school estate should offer a means to foster community engagement and develop community skills, attributes and resilience.

293. The town of Pitlochry has changed throughout the years. XXXXX XXXXX, I wrote my XXXXX dissertation on the town and notions of home, and how this had altered from when I was a child. There is less of a community feel, perhaps because fewer generations of family's are staying in the area. But that is not to say it doesn't exist. It's just different now. Regardless of how the town has changed, so many ex-pupils still flock home to meet up with friends when they can. There is something magnetic about the town and our shared history at PHS.
294. Close knit community, many local businesses fund raise for the school. The school host community events for all. The school are involved with activities within various organisations in the area and those would lose out if the school no longer existed.
295. Think I covered that already!! It's an absolute VITAL part of the community.
296. United! It is a very important part the children should not have to travel to Breadalbane to get a 5/6th year education they should have the choice of attending Pitlochry as a 5th 6th year
297. PHS has always been a core part of the community. Closing the school would have a significant detrimental impact on the town. The town needs to attract more young families to function as a vibrant community.
298. All stages of a person's education is as important as the others. Secondary is where we want to encourage pupils to stay and work in the area.
299. It is an essential part of the community, and could be enhanced further to bring folks back, whose kids are no longer at school.
300. The community seems to be more towards the elderly/retirement age - the secondary pupils are a reminder that younger people need to be catered for.
301. Pitlochry as well as Blair Atholl are small rural communities and the importance of our schools should not even be questioned. They are lovely rural communities where everyone knows and helps each other. To take away part of the school many people may leave the community for the benefits of their children.
302. Pitlochry high is truly part of the community, the community is part of the school on so many levels, more so than the community campuses! Teachers actually live here and are part of the community, they don't on the whole commute two hours plus a day!
303. Our community is a well thought of, vibrant community that is continually growing and attracts a lot of praise. Pitlochry High School is a vital part of that community and if it were to suffer/close as a result of this review I feel it will impact hugely on the growth and prosperity of the community.
304. It's a crucial part of the community.
305. High School is a very important part of the community as every school is in its town. Transition from primary to high school can be very daunting for many and the fact that the two schools are one is invaluable in this process.
306. I am one of the new generation of retirees (And my wife still has a couple of years left in work) and we hope to play a part in revitalizing the community, as we realise the dwindling numbers of those who created the assets that drew us to live here. I've been in the school for a community council meeting and several times for choir rehearsals. I helped host the twinning visit from Confolens and we did our best to include the school but the absence of s5 and s6 left a major gulf. We attend each show at PFT, MiP, Enchanted Forest and so on. We plan to get involved in U3A and the History Society once my wife retires and we no longer have to split our time between here and XXXXX. We've met several others, also academics, drawn here for the same reasons. We'd love to explore ways of supporting the development and expansion of the school, as a hub for the lifelong learning culture to which we have dedicated our working life.
307. No.

308. Pitlochry is a community that works together and supports each other when given the opportunity. It already has the highest business rates outside Perth yet somehow entrepreneurs are still keen to try and make a go of it. Parents of school age children have banded together to create community groups that have rebuilt the playground at the recreation ground, started up bonfire night again, continue to work hard on Pitlochry in Bloom and other initiatives. The Enchanted Forest is a community owned Tweedy Company that gives money back to the community in which it operates - as well as employing local people to work at it. PKC needs to support this community, not sabotage it at every possible step.
309. N/A.
310. Always has been and always should be an integral part of the community - to suggest closing or reducing the education provision is a short term view and does not take into account the wider benefits to the community the children their parents.
311. Pitlochry is a fabulous community with great spirit. Closing the high school would jeopardise that.
312. Vital for the area. Pitlochry would not thrive without this.
313. Pitlochry high school do a lot for the community with their community cafes adult education classes are held here too.
314. Pitlochry is a growing community and whilst it has a leisure centre and town hall neither are suitable for all uses and by creating a campus you will provide additional community facilities.
315. It's vital.
316. Very buoyant and the school is a vital part of it.
317. The school is a big part of Pitlochry. It will be a travesty if the school is too close. The kids would have to endure bus journeys every day and this is not ideal. Especially in the winter with bus transport.
318. Life blood of community.
319. A lovely friendly community but we need to encourage young families to move to the area to maintain balance.
320. Close knit community who all rally together in times of need. School forms a major part of community.
321. Without the school there is no community.
322. It's a crucial part of the community. I couldn't stress highly enough how important it is to keep it open, in my opinion.
323. A close knit community where we support each other. Would suffer from loss of young families.
324. The school plays a big part in the community. There wouldn't be a community of it weren't for the kids attending the school.
325. Pitlochry is a close knit community, and the school plays an important role in bringing people into our community and keeping it young! We need young people staying and bringing up their families in our community to keep it developing and to keep it vibrant. And we need the secondary school to do that.
326. Pitlochry High School is a wonderful and essential part of the community. It is a close knit town and many people grow up there then stay and go on to raise their own families there. This is no accident. It is a lovely place. A secondary school is absolutely necessary.
327. It has to be a secondary school.
328. I cannot imagine Pitlochry without a High School, it has been a vital part of the community for years, to remove it would be a travesty for the town.
329. Having a fully functional Secondary school is essential for the area. Students who are moved to Perth for their education are less likely to stay in Highland Perthshire as they have experienced from such a young age the lack of opportunity for young people. They will therefore not return there to settle down when they have children themselves.

330. There is too high a proportion of elderly folk in Pitlochry. Both my kids have experienced Pitlochry and then Aberfeldy. Pitlochry school management wins hands down , and the additional 2 hours travel to Aberfeldy is disruptive as workload increases.
331. I don't feel the High School is much part of the community at all.
332. The school plays a key part in the community, and needs to remain.
333. Pitlochry high school definitely forms an important part of the community but not sure the financial commitment required matches the impact of improving the school.
334. the school is part of the community closing the secondary part would mean the children would lose their sense of community.
335. Pitlochry is a close-knit vibrant community, with a great mix of people who have lived here a long time combined with seasonal workers in tourism / theatre industries. The school is at the heart of the community for all those with families and is a vital part of keeping Pitlochry young and forward thinking.
336. Huge part of the community, actually a very silly question to even ask!
337. Our family moved back to Scotland from XXXXX XXXXX years ago and I chose Pitlochry due to its rural setting with good transport links (XXXXX) but above all its excellent local school. Children benefit enormously from being able to walk to school and have local friendships promoting a healthier lifestyle of play and activity. The school creates a focal point for the people that actually live in the twin and are its life blood; Pitlochry is already heavily tipped toward serving the interests of the hundreds of thousands of tourists that pour into the town every day of the year. Tourist revenue is enormous and yet there is no evidence of those riches being reinvested in the infrastructure of the town and improving the lot of the locals. Of the millions generated by Enchanted Forest for example cash could be freed up to help running and capital costs of the school. We have not, like Aberfeldy, benefited from the financial windfall that came with the wind farm. Pitlochry is a beautiful place to live but if you take the sum total of what's available for young folk in the town it's pitiful. The main road is not much more than a collection of coffee shops, charity shops and a few souvenir, sweetie and tartan knitwear shops. The gym is closed at weekends!!! Crazy. No cinema but a huge theatre that appeals more to the middle aged and tourists/visitors (but is still a great asset if a bit stuck in the 1970s). If the school were redeveloped along the lines of the community campus at Breadalbane the knock on effect would be enormous for the town. Pitlochry resident's interests should be at the heart of the town and the school is a vital part of that. For Pitlochry to remain a 'real' place to live for the local community it is essential that a town this size in this location has an adequate school. Without this we risk turning into even more of a down at heel (check the main road again) Disney style tartan theme park with no rides- a parody of a 'wee highland town'. Families will undoubtedly leave, the community will be depleted and the local economy even more under siege. Closing the school is indefensible and some imagination and entrepreneurial spirit should instead be focused on coming up with a solution to support education in Pitlochry and not tear it out of the heart of our community.
338. Pitlochry High School is a central part of the community and very strongly supported by the community.
339. The school is vital part of Pitlochry life to help bring a mixture of folk to the area not just retired folk who think it is a nice place to live!
340. The community would benefit from a 6 year secondary school to encourage younger families into the area to maintain a good balance of residents in the area.
341. See previous questions.
342. It is our community, as a family with our child at Pitlochry school, Pitlochry high school is our community and I hope it will be improved and supported to continue to support our community
343. In its current form I haven't had much to do with the school as both my children attend a different primary school. I can see the benefit of having a sports/ community centre based at the school which all members of the community could access. Pitlochry is lacking such a venue. It could be used by all ages and improve the health and well-being

of the residents. The school looks tired and dated and looks like it needs some investment to update it. It needs to be an appealing prospect for potential staff. It's bound to be difficult to attract quality candidates for jobs if there is this ongoing question mark about the future of the school.

344. Pitlochry High school is an integral part of the community. It is the hub of the community.
345. The school is a vital part of this community. It is currently used by various groups in the evening including the Vale of Atholl Pipe Band who would struggle to find another facility to meet their needs.
346. Friends with many Pitlochry residents, having the school there makes general community cohesion higher. The school is well respected, pupils are so happy and they can make a real difference in their community. It will also attract families to the area, this will reduce if the school closes.
347. The community is diverse, involved, active but the proportion of young to old people is not evenly balanced. Therefore I feel it is essential to keep our youngsters in the community for as long as possible before the inevitable exodus to colleges, universities and job opportunities.
348. I found PHS was a key part of the local community
349. The Secondary School has a vital part to play in the community especially for the pupils not going onto further education who can be employed in the area, youngsters living and working in Pitlochry are essential to the future of the town and surrounding areas. Apprentices in all trades, hospitality are essential in a town reliant on tourism.
350. The community has a good mix at the moment. PHS is very important to the community as it helps to bring young families and new business into the area, offers excellent education up to fourth year, good facilities and provides many jobs.
351. So important to the area, without the school I feel this town would turn into a characterless tourist town with no community spirit. Families will move away and it will be very sad. It's already very hard settle here as a family due to lack of affordable housing but we still choose to do it which shows how important the school is to the area. I definitely think we are being short changed in regards to the quality of the school. But the quality of the pupils coming out of the school is amazing.
352. A vibrant community that would be severely impacted by closure of the secondary school.
353. A vital part of the community, as is any school, with the pupils becoming involved in many community activities etc. Any town to thrive needs people of all ages, from cradle to grave, or it dies. Pitlochry is a vibrant town with a record number of clubs and activities available. Host to thousands of visitors a year, and a wonderful community to live in.
354. Important integral part of the community.
355. Rural and especially remote rural schools are essential for the sustainability of rural communities.
356. Wonderful vibrant community - PHS is at the heart of it. Kill the school kill the community.
357. The school is a massive part of the wider communities and closing it would have detrimental effect on the town and surrounding area and feeder primary schools.
358. The community is very much involved with either tourism or the theatre. There is over the average that attend the local churches but the young people don't have a great deal to do in the town. The School should have a wider impact on the community offering adult lifelong learning, as well as for student/ pupils. I think it should have stronger links to local businesses including the theatre, visual artists, musicians, digital arts, tourism and hospitality. The specialism and facilities should feed back into the community offering adult classes and young people in lifelong learning. With youth evening activities, evening classes and summer schools. Also have a reasonable space to hire as freelance arts/ craft/ performing arts professionals to offer classes. It may be worth looking at Dallam School and Queen Elizabeth School in Cumbria as an amazingly successful rural school that impacts on the local community. There could do with a swimming pool the local town too as at present it is either Perth or Breadalbane.

359. I'm not sure that it is possible to answer this question clearly! Pitlochry is one of the most supportive communities that I have been part of. It is not one that raises its head above the parapet easily, so I am pleased that there is a strong reaction to the current proposals. The school was described in their recent HMIE report as having the community at its heart and in my experience that cannot be denied. Hopefully the community response to this consultation has its school at its heart as I worry that any move to close the Secondary part will expedite the same for the primary.
360. Having moved to Pitlochry some XXXXX years ago, I know the community and the bond between it and PHS (Secondary). The school; its teachers, staff and pupils play a large part of our everyday life. I didn't attend PHS but since moving here I have been very aware of the impact the school has on the town. I opted to stay in Pitlochry to raise my child and educate XXXXX at PHS - the teachers and staff are second to none. Closing PHS (Secondary) would have a serious negative impact on our community now and for generations to come. People move here for the schooling, they set up businesses, they purchase homes, they invest in our economy - but sadly that would end if P&KC close our school.
361. See 5 above. It is an essential part of the community
362. The school forms an essential and important of life in Pitlochry. Any forced reduction in school roll would have long lasting and serious impacts in the town and its surroundings.
363. Essential to ensure families want to live here and make it a vibrant community.
364. My time at Pitlochry High School was fantastic and it is a fundamental part of the town's community. We were involved in so many events in and around the town through school trips and extracurricular activities and also enjoyed visits from many town organisations.
365. PHS is integral to the community. The community cannot lose young adults to Breadalbane at this crucial part in their development
366. The high school is central to community life, closing the school would have a devastating effect on the town. It is vital that the school remains open - young people with families would choose to live elsewhere; house prices would drop and it would become a retirement town. We need more affordable housing for young people to rent or buy to encourage them to stay here. Pitlochry is now an all year round tourist resort- there is work for people in the service industry and trades.
367. Community is poor and the school is not a community player, the school may have excellent results - this is due to the catchment and not the school and the school ethos.
368. We need this as a secondary from s1-s6
369. I live in Blair Atholl so cannot comment fully but would say the secondary school is an essential part of the community in such a remote and rural area. I would describe the community as fractured - split between the old and the young with many things on offer for the wealthier older generation and very little for the youth of the community. Due to the extent of the older population in the community, the people who have retired to the area, the community is considered affluent however, this completely masks the reality of life for many of the parents and younger generation of the area who either live on the minimum wages or are trapped in the hole of being on benefits due to being unable to get a job to fit round school hours. If the school was not here, the area would become even more of an older community and the area would struggle to remain as vibrant as it is, however with increased facilities, the area could become much more vibrant for its residents of all ages.
370. The High School is an extremely important part of the community as all schools are to any community. A healthy community needs people of all ages/stages looking out for each other. People thinking of moving to Pitlochry would view the town as not covering family needs in terms of education. Without the high school the demographic of Pitlochry will change. Families frequently choose where to live based on schooling - without a senior school they would look elsewhere and eventually Pitlochry will become a retirement home for the elderly.
371. A very involved and active community, always with many events available for Secondary Pitlochry High School Pupils. For example the Rotary Club Cooking Competition.

Pitlochry High School plays a vital role in the community and vice versa, it works together to create a welcoming town and School.

372. It's a very fine, friendly community and the High School is an essential part of it.
373. The community has been our family since we moved here, and Pitlochry High School (Secondary) is at the heart of a widespread and rural community, to close it down would be disastrous.
374. Essential. Pitlochry is a rather large community. It seems absurd to take a school away.
375. I am really unsure. We've XXXXX moved to XXXXX, and I have had little contact with the high school. My XXXXX is still very young, but may well attend the school in several years. As of right now, from my perspective, I do not consider it part of our community at all aside from the looming prospect of it potentially closing.
376. Integral part of the community - the future for our community
377. Pitlochry community is very warm and nurturing and the school is a huge part of this. Children have a place there from babies to senior pupils and everyone at the school knows the children and watches over their development as they grow.
378. A wonderful community and the secondary school is an integral part of it. it will only improve the community by extending the uptake to s5/s6. To move the secondary school out of the community would rip the heart out of it
379. There is a fine balance between a community feeling valued and positive and thereby engendering a willingness to support each other and it's local council, and the converse where it feels embattled through cuts not only to adult services but the sense that even children are no longer worthy of investment. Once the downward spiral of diminishing community spirit, business spirit, support for policing, support for voluntary organisation gets momentum, no local council will be able to reverse that trend. 80,000 visitors come to the ""Enchanted Forest"" each year over a 6 week period, which is managed largely by local community volunteers. How would local gov't replace that effort/impact if it were lost? In truth Pitlochry holds its visitor numbers due to local business and an historical reputation. Once that reputation is lost, the town will die. If lack of investment by PKC is replicated through the private sector, tourism and the personnel to support tourism will collapse. That scenario could so easily be nullified by taking this opportunity to invest in the education and services for the community all at the same time, getting the associated multipliers upon the return on investment by doing so. The community benefits would reach far up and down the A9 corridor and to the often forgotten strands that branch off the A9. The High School is an important link between the very young of primary and the adult population. Outsourcing that link will repeat the impact that all other outsourcing activities has been shown to have.
380. Both my children travelled from Blairgowrie to attend this school due to issues we had with Blair High - they both enjoyed their time there due to the staff and school itself - sad loss if you close.
381. The school forms an essential and important of life in Pitlochry. Any forced reduction in school roll would have long lasting and serious impacts in the town and its surroundings.
382. The school is a massive part of the community and I have very fond memories of it. My time at Pitlochry High School is when I felt closest to the town community and the most active.
383. As a small community the school is a vital part of the community. Losing the secondary school would be an absolute disaster and the end of Pitlochry as vibrant community.
384. The community is, by definition, dependent on people within the town, these people provide an essential service, including the basic education requirements, (primary and secondary). The school is an integral part of the community providing direct and indirect employment. The school also has established excellent relationships with businesses in the town this enriches the education of the pupils and also provides a workforce for the businesses in the town.
385. A school is at the heart of the community.
386. As a small community we need a Secondary School as part of our community

387. I love the community of the school and Pitlochry. Without the school I feel the community would be dramatically changed into an area which would be detrimental to the financial, social and tourist aspect which hold the town together.
388. I think it would be good for the community and for the pupils
389. I think it's a very important part of the community! You take the secondary school away and you are deterring families from staying in the area.
390. Pitlochry has an aged population. The High School is important to bring new families to the area!
391. There is already too high a proportion of retired people in Pitlochry. The school is an essential part of providing a balance to that and is actively involved in the local community. The loss of the secondary school would deter families from moving to Pitlochry, which would increase the existing imbalance.
392. Pitlochry has an elderly population and having a secondary school encourages families to move here and helps to redress this imbalance.
393. It is a friendly community where most people know each other which is why I decided to stay in the area when purchasing my own house. The secondary school is a very important part of that as it brings pupils and also parents together.
394. The people in the town are welcoming and friendly. It's small enough to be supportive and inclusive but not so small that businesses can't grow. The businesses both big and small provide a tremendous support to the school, from work experience placements to curriculum input. In turn, pupils support the community (e.g. regular community cafes, social enterprise projects).
395. I have grown up in the community, been away and come back, so my children didn't need to be in a city. The community is a vibrant one but needs more opportunities for young people. The school plays a massive part in the community and it would be a massive loss if the school closes, not to mention the huge employment blow to the area.
396. Pitlochry High school is a massive part of the community, a town like Pitlochry deserves to have a secondary school as well as a primary school. The community in Pitlochry is very strong together and very innovative, people in Pitlochry are very proud to live here.
397. Pitlochry high school is the community!! There is no question. A community which needs the excellent education system which the school delivers, children depend on the care and education offered and delivered by Pitlochry high school.
398. The community is very active in Pitlochry. For the size of the town there is a larger than average number of community led activities and events. The school is an integral part of that, with stalls at Highland games, coffee mornings, other fund raisers where members of community are invited to join the children.
399. The community is rich and varied. There is a focus on servicing tourism with a significant support industry based on small businesses along with several medium sized employers in the private (e.g. Pitlochry Theatre) and public (e.g. Marine Scotland Science Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory) sectors. Pitlochry is an important rural hub and benefits from its central location within Scotland. Pitlochry High School is a vital part of the community and a major factor in allowing families to settle and prosper in the town. Development of the school campus to include a community centre and one-stop-location for PKC services would be a logical next step in strengthening links and developing the community further.
400. The school is an integral part of the community and we have many links with organisations, businesses, clubs and people who live here. These partnerships and relationships will be destroyed if the secondary school closes and will have a very negative effect on the town and its inhabitants. Families and younger people will no longer choose to live in the area and the community will become predominantly older with little opportunities for young people and young families. The community will lose its soul and will no longer be diverse.
401. Unfortunately the general opinion within the town is that PKC has already decided to close the school and this process of meetings and feedback is a waste of time. I sincerely hope this is incorrect as it would be a really short sighted move. The town is

- already full of older inhabitants with retirement or holiday homes. If families with young children do not move here properties will be difficult to sell and the prices will drop, businesses will be unable to attract qualified employees, many food and beverage businesses will be unable to function without the talented young teenagers in part time jobs and our young people will not achieve their full potential. The school is the heart of the town. Lose the school and you lose the heart of the community. It may save PKC some money in the short term but will cost more in the long term. You are threatening people's livelihood and will end up stretching social services and the GPs even further.
402. PHS. Worst school I have ever encountered due to complete lack of management diligence to the outright bullying and harassment which takes place in that environment. Appalling!
403. I think Pitlochry has a strong community spirit and the school is a pivotal part of the community. I do think this could be improved though by the school facilities being improved so people in the wider community can utilize the resources offered by the school.
404. Pitlochry & district has always been a community that encourages & fosters the youth of the area in education & social skills & involvement.
405. Essential.
406. Community still exists in Pitlochry. Its school, businesses, churches, and community groups work together and for each other. Removing Pitlochry High School from that family would leave us bereft and less than what we presently are. Pitlochry is a progressive community. We do not live in the past. And we fundamentally believe that our future is better and brighter with Pitlochry High School in it.
407. The community encompasses a wide range of ages from baby to elderly and the school is an integral part of the community. The community needs the school and vice versa.
408. The high school is surely a vital component in creating a growing and thriving community. Well worth saving and improving upon.
409. I feel the school is central to the community. Pitlochry, last decade, became a place to retire to, not so much now and a lot of those that moved here have since moved back south. Lots of hilly roads to walk up if you don't have a car. The cut backs in medical care both in Pitlochry and Perth, not good. There are young families moving in, and parent, mum or dad commute to Perth, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow for work and can also do some days from home.
410. Pitlochry is a strong community with the massive potential to grow and thrive Pitlochry high school is what helps family's to decide to move to the town if you take it away you will lose the town in its.....
411. Pitlochry is a close knit community with a population that more than doubles during the summer. Our children being able to attend high school here means they are "held" by the community. It's a safe place to learn and grow both academically and personally rather than being lost in large numbers. The experience provides the children the opportunity to know the full implications of being a citizen within a thriving community.
412. It is central to the community of Pitlochry.
413. Actually a good community but with not enough to hold or to encourage the young. The High School is key to maintaining a good community of mixed ages, unless you want Pitlochry closed except for Tourists.
414. Vital to its sustainability, a key source of connection within the community, a sense of pride and ongoing interest for wider community.
415. Our school is the heart of the community but it does need to evolve and grow to fit the needs of locals. Make it better, do not destroy what we have.
416. This is an excellent school that is an. Integral part of the rider community.
417. Our school has been at the heart of our homeland for many generations and must remain so. The response to this review appraisal from local people speaks volumes about how important keeping our children being educated in our town is for us. If the funding for our Primary new build had not been removed for a Perth city school then we would be talking about Pitlochry being an amazing facility by adding a new secondary

proposal to a new primary. It is wrong that choices made by PKC are preventing this from happening. PKC are doing nothing to encourage people to remain in or move to our town.

418. The school is part of the community, the building is used for other purposes as well.
419. We all stand behind the high school, as not to have a proper school in town would be disastrous
420. The school is a vital part of the community and helps attract people to the area. The school is heavily engaged with the community, more so than other schools.
421. Pitlochry is a great community and a high school must remain to keep the age range in the area buoyant. Otherwise Pitlochry is in danger of becoming a town with no purpose apart from tourism in the high street.
422. Pitlochry is an attractive traditional Victorian town - a gateway to the highlands - with a thriving tourism sector. Many of its residents are elderly so young families provide essential services and represent the longer term future of the community. The school is the central part of this and needs to be updated for the heart of the community to thrive.
423. Having moved from the XXXXX over XXXXX years ago, the strong, friendly and inclusive community of Pitlochry has struck us. In my experience having now lived in city, urban and rural areas, the rural community is significantly stronger in identity and inclusion. The majority of parents are employed in, or run, local businesses and therefore the school is an essential integral part of the community. The community drive all local initiatives such as the Enchanted Forest, the New Year Street Party, 'March into Pitlochry' and Highland Games. Local businesses have strong connections with the school, providing apprenticeships, work experience placements and supporting fund raising initiatives. The hospitality and retail sectors rely on staff who have children in Pitlochry High school and it is vital that this continues. Any further threat to closure would have a direct impact on those businesses ability to attract and retain staff, which would have a direct impact on the town economy and the wider Perth and Kinross economy.
424. PHS is an essential part of the community and could play an even greater role. Pupils provide a willing seasonal workforce for many businesses in the town which would struggle without that resource. Pupils interact directly and through out of school activities with many establishments in the town including the theatre and care homes for the elderly where they have a real impact.
425. Blair Atholl & Struan Community Council represents a widespread community of about 1,000 covering one of the largest CC areas in Perth & Kinross. The community cannot realistically sustain a secondary school, so has to rely on Pitlochry (as it does for many other services). Most people do not see Aberfeldy as a regular supplier of services - if they are not available in Pitlochry, we look to Perth. Limited public transport also makes access to Aberfeldy unattractive. Pitlochry High School is therefore an essential service to this community and most resent having to travel to Aberfeldy for S5 and S6.
426. It is a vital part of the community and cannot be removed without devastating the local area. There may be a reduction in students over the last few years but the entire community is still invested and benefits from the school.
427. The community is maybe lacking in some spirt at times. More of us should take a great involvement in the community.
428. The Pitlochry High School is an integral part of the community. Any new development should include (just like Breadalbane) a campus, swimming pool etc. sell off the leisure centre and Pitlochry town hall. Make a new community base.
429. Pitlochry and surrounding area is a very close community and the school is a big part in that bringing the community together many times throughout the year by holding different events.
430. Pitlochry High School should be seen as a community resource and something that, with the right vision, could help in developing the skills and training of the whole community as well as its potential for social/ leisure activities.
431. Very caring, very involved in Pitlochry life. Very proactive & vital that the young people relate & join in Pitlochry community and it is a two-way relationship.

432. The community is becoming increasingly elderly, due to the influx of people retiring to the area. This added to the national ageing of the longer termed residents who used to work in the area. Pitlochry High School is a natural hub in which the existing youth of the area acts as a balance for the age range of the community. Lose it - Pitlochry will become a geriatric ward.
433. This community is welcoming and thoughtful. It needs a mix of ages, including 12-18 year olds to continue as a vibrant, outward looking community.
434. Vital to the community and important to its wellbeing. We need more investment and a commitment from local government that rural communities are important. This is vitally important for Grandtully & Logierait areas as well.
435. The school is a vital part of the community and is known as an excellent school, where pupils are treated as individuals. The community is tourism based and a lot of people living here have young families. If we lose the school it may become problematic to get people to work here.
436. It's a great community and the school is central to it.
437. Do worry that expectations of academic achievement are lower than where we lived before. The school does get involved in the local community and this benefits everyone.
438. The community of Pitlochry is very supportive and the secondary school is an integral part of it from community cafe, fundraising events, teaching the wider community the use of AED via Heart Start Programme to visiting the elderly.
439. A close knit community with the school at the heart of it.
440. Community is vibrant, evidence of youngsters mixing with the older generation in community activities. Vital to sustain the town's employment & people with children move here to work.
441. It's a great friendly and inviting community would be so missed if gone and leave a big whole.
442. It's a core part of the community.
443. Friendly, welcoming, thriving community with a safe, caring school at the heart of it.
444. Fantastic resource and central to the wellbeing of the community.
445. Close knit community where friends for life start in nursery though to fourth year. Sadly there last 2 years for many this discontinues.
446. Take the community away and the school will die of old age.
447. The school is an integral part of the community. The loss of the school would affect the whole community.
448. I think most of the community is behind saving the secondary school, we must keep for the future of Pitlochry.
449. It's a small friendly community, with the school at its centre. It's a nice place to live and a good place for children to grow up in.
450. Unfortunately Pitlochry community is more and more hijacked by pensioners that have moved into the area, inflating house prices and causing young families to be forced out of the area.
451. PHS is at the heart of the community close knit community.
452. It is essential for a vibrant community. Its life blood!
453. Essential part of community loss major detrimental effect on Pitlochry in very many ways.
454. The school is an important part of the community playing its part in day to day life and attracting families to the area. Any loss of school would have an impact on the young population, employment and health of the community.
455. The community welcomes opportunities to support the school. Older people love to see & hear of young people's progress. Young people in the community support older ones. School music group, fair trade work and so much else the community support fully.
456. This is a very community oriented town. I think if we lose our secondary school, we will lose families, and this will have a detrimental effect on housing, tourism and jobs.
457. Pitlochry is a vibrant community which plays a very significant part in the tourist industry not just locally but of Scotland. We need to preserve local secondary schooling in order

- to make the town attractive to families who will provide the long term future of providing the support for the tourist industry.
458. As a senior citizen I would very much miss the young people. I really enjoy seeing the kids coming out of school. Recently two families with children have moved on to our street and it is wonderful.
459. Important part.
460. A vibrant community in danger of decline if affordable housing is not made available to attract new families and essential workers such as teachers, nurses etc.
461. Pitlochry is a very community minded place & locals have worked very hard to improve facilities for local visitors like e.g. Enchanted Forest, the theatre is a big draw, Litter picking, park clean-up group etc. If PHS closed, it would devastate this community.
462. The community is a close knit one, and one that consistently works hard to remain relevant and continue things through events like the XX March into Pitlochry and the Enchanted Forest. The school is absolutely at the heart of that because it gives young families a reason to move here and it gives our young people a chance to learn about and contribute to their community.
463. With Pitlochry being a major tourist town & retirement area - the school offers another aspect to the town - It is important for Pitlochry to retain varied community members to continue as a thriving town.
464. PHS has been amazing with my boys, I am proud that they are at this school. I want them to continue as I did for the entire education. They would not have the stress or anxiety of moving and remain within the core of the PHS family. Please don't close this school, surely it is more viable to shut these other tiny primary schools like Logierait and Grandtully.
465. As an "outsider" I get a real sense of togetherness from everyone. All people around Pitlochry take a real sense of pride in their area and community. Having two kids myself I would love to send my kids here as I see all the hard work and effort put into helping these kids for the future.
466. You don't have to be a campus to bring the public in!
467. So important.
468. I live in the area and the community is a very important part of my life. The school plays a huge role as part of this community and bringing people together. It also helps to teach young people the importance of being part of the community.
469. Pitlochry has a high proportion of aged population. Pitlochry churches only community working together for the children of Pitlochry.
470. Essential to the community. We must encourage families to move here. Already desperate for care & medical staff. A viable school would encourage more people to move here.
471. The school is very much part of the community. Coffee mornings, children entertain public when they are here. Playing instruments. The community is very much an already ageing population to close the school this will reduce families coming to Pitlochry and this will make the situation ongoing.
472. As I've said already - the primary and secondary are at the heart of this community. Don't split the community. If it aint broke don't fix it.
473. We have a higher than normal proportion of older people so need young people to stay and invest in our community more to counter balance this, otherwise we would become all tourism & retirees & lose an essential aspect of community life, which like families, should be across the generations. There would be a divide between parents & teenagers at an already difficult age if children were taken out of the community.
474. Pitlochry is a thriving Highland town with a buoyant tourist industry. The success of this town is reliant on the local community and anything that threatens the stability of this town, such as a school closure or underinvestment by the local authority, risks damaging the economic successes of the town. The school should be viewed as a vital part of a functioning town such as Pitlochry.

475. Pitlochry is a thriving highland town, but the community is increasingly seeing properties purchased as holiday rentals or second homes. This is resulting in fewer families being able to afford property in the area, which makes the economy of the town more fragile. Local businesses and services may find it increasingly difficult to recruit staff if families are dissuaded from living in this community. Staffing difficulties have already been experienced by the minor injuries unit at Pitlochry Community Hospital, which is closing at certain times as a result of unfilled nursing positions. A combination of expensive housing and a lack of high school are likely to make such staffing problems more common if there are both barriers to families joining the community and reasons for families to migrate away. I believe that a lack of high school would make families less likely to live in the town. The school is a vital link between the young population of the town and other aspects of the community. If pupils were to be put on buses to receive their education in another town, they will feel less connected to their home town. Furthermore, the distance from home to school would be problematic in the event that a parent/carer has to collect their child owing to a medical emergency.
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9) Why do you think the population of 0-19 year olds in Highland Perthshire is decreasing?

Comments

1. Lack of affordable housing.
2. Rent too high, no affordable housing. Families put off moving here because of S5 & S6 at Breadalbane.
3. Expensive private housing. Lack of affordable low cost housing. Lack of employment. Poor transport network. Lack of secondary provision up to S6.
4. Lack of non-minimum wage jobs.
5. Education provision is definitely a factor.
6. Lack of social housing and jobs. Many jobs are seasonal and small industry would perhaps help.
7. Years ago plans were put forward for small industries in Pitlochry by the A9 – this must be moved forward to increase work opportunities in this area. Plus there is a desperate need for family friendly housing in Pitlochry – not more high value retirement homes.
8. Loss of employment available due to changes with for example electricity industry – closure of the control centres and changes in administration of network. Needs area to get development statutes and direct small industry units to the Pitlochry area. More affordable houses are critical if we are to get young working families and their children.
9. Do parents in Perth know that if they travel north for work – they could drop-off children in Pitlochry for education? Good school, good teachers, good social skills and good behaviour.
10. Lack of affordable housing. Bad public transport. Lacking employment.
11. I'm not convinced that it is > future forecasts show a rise and what were the figures in 2000, 1990, 1980?
12. Population is decreasing because more properties are being brought as holiday lets and this is driving prices up. Local families cannot get on the property ladder because of this.
13. Local businesses don't encourage new business.
14. It's self-fulfilling. Lots of 2nd homes, holiday lets, high rents, hotels that own/house their staff, means it is difficult to move into or live in this area. As a remote community, we share the same challenges as other areas.
15. Lack of jobs and housing.
16. This situation and chaos over the future of the school can only damage the demography of the community... why would you move here with children with such uncertainty hanging over the school.
17. House prices are too high. Not enough affordable houses for families.
18. More affordable housing so much depends upon this. Have houses, at reasonable prices or rent – and people.
19. Everywhere families are much smaller. Where once it was usual for six children from one family now may be two.
20. Families tend to be priced out of the housing market.
21. There are not enough facilities/ opportunities in Pitlochry. This needs to change.
22. Lack of affordable housing. Lack of job opportunities. Lack of higher education i.e. colleges & universities in area.
23. Because of lack of affordable housing.
24. In our area of Pitlochry. Possibly because of house prices and wages below the national average?
25. No affordable housing for families – incomers buy holiday homes stopping local families buying.
26. You are using stats which are the only way this has been worked out. It's the unknown, how can you know what the future holds. Dualling A9 and train station expansion will change population. Bound to attract more commuters, which will bring families.

27. The community and school are interlinked: socially, financially and emotionally. As well as educationally. The community funds this school so the council funds should be spent in the community, Council jobs should be in the community.
28. Main reasons for the decline: 1) insufficient affordable housing for increasing families. 2) Relatively low availability of work.
29. Too many people are buying second houses for holiday homes which are empty for most of the year & is killing small communities.
30. You have no way of quantifying the number of people who have chosen not to live here due to lack of investment in childcare/ uncertainty of future of school because families with children are leaving/ are leaving/ choosing not to live here due to lack of facilities/ childcare etc.
31. I am not a fortune teller and neither are PKC as far as I can see the town has grown.
32. Lack of housing.
33. Lack of affordable housing and no real jobs. House prices too high due to holiday homes.
34. It's the parents that choose where their 0-19 year olds live!
35. Parents that might live in Pitlochry are choosing Perth in preference because of limited school provision. Most new medical staff (for example) and many teachers travel from Perth (commute). Improved transport will increase the trend.
36. Jobs in the area are declining at present and many of our young people cannot find the opportunities deserved. Their families therefore grow up elsewhere and the children probably do not return. Potentially if there is a change – either due to Europeans not wishing to come here or to a development in the area, this could reverse the trend.
37. Lack of affordable housing. Council needs to build more Council houses.
38. Housing!
39. Move the library and Atholl sports onto the school site to lower costs and improve usability and usage.
40. Lack of employment to encourage people to come to town.
41. Affordable housing is needed to keep the community thriving. Cheaper rents.
42. It is obvious the reasons for the decrease is due to young people moving to AB in S5/6 and not having enough housing/ jobs etc.
43. Investment is Perth centric. Money has been poured into the new Perth school and taken away from our rural community. This discouraged families. We need the heart of community (the school) to have investment which in turn would filter through the community, supporting local businesses and development.
44. Housing very expensive. No industry.
45. Uncertainty of families identifying with the area. Any threat to reduce the scope of school services in the area, will lead to a steady drift away, and not attract new incomers.
46. Jobs and housing.
47. Lack of affordable housing is a major factor in young families not being able to live in the town they work in and send their children to this school. The prospect of pupils having to make the transition to BA in a crucial year of their education is also a mitigating factor.
48. Housing (lack of). Rents (to high). Jobs.
49. One of the problems is that houses are not available at reasonable prices. This means that 'young' families face considerable difficulty coming into the area.
50. Cost of housing. Lack of well paid jobs. Lack of school here which goes to S6. Limited public transport.
51. Affordable housing is an issue. I know 4 young couples who would love to live in Pitlochry but cannot afford it. Rents too high/ mortgage not possible. If young families can't come to Pitlochry future is bleak!
52. Population decreasing due to lack of affordable housing and employment opportunities. Pitlochry could benefit from a local swimming pool and leisure centre facilities for all ages but particularly the young.
53. Lack of affordable housing is a major problem in attracting more families.

54. Population is decreasing (0-19yr olds) because there is not enough family housing which is affordable in rural areas and it is not going to be helped by closing the rural schools and forcing families into cities – no enticement to live rural.
55. Unaffordable housing for young families. Insecure job market. Removing schools is not the way to support remote rural communities.
56. 1) Birth rates have generally come down in western world! 2) Lack of opportunities in rural communities. 3) Lack of full secondary school facilities.
57. Limited job opportunities, low wage employers (e.g. House of Bruar and Blair Castle) plus ridiculously high rents charged for accommodation.
58. Lack of facilities for locals. Housing issues. Infrastructure issues.
59. Highland Perthshire would benefit from option 6 – school with S5/6 and increase community potential and so attract population to the area.
60. Further and higher education opportunities.
61. Loss of jobs in family, forestry, hydroelectric, freshwater fisheries, school, outdoor centre and now too easy to commute.
62. Too many second homes. Too many holiday lets. A lack of rental homes and high rents. Expensive housing.
63. Lack of housing in the area – high rents – no supply.
64. Because Pitlochry does nothing to encourage families to live here. Stop building expensive houses on all the spare land!
65. Lack of housing and rural jobs e.g. farming. Houses being used as holiday homes.
66. No decent school. Pitlochry would become a residence for retired people. We need more facilities to encourage families having moved here from England I have a lot of anxiety about the lower levels of achievement in schools here, compared to where we lived before.
67. Too many second homes and holiday lets as already stated. Expensive to live.
68. There isn't a complete secondary school here and so many families move closer to one once their kids get closer to secondary age or they move their children to Breadalbane early. If there was a full school here (all years) it would entice families to move here/stay here. It would also bring more jobs (school related) to the area.
69. Maybe due to the cost of house prices in Pitlochry families are choosing to move away to more affordable areas where you can get bigger and better property for your money. Create more affordable housing. Everything is more expensive in Pitlochry such as rent and rates on shops compared to Aberfeldy and Dunkeld so people simply cannot continue to live a decent lifestyle as a result of this.
70. Pitlochry and Aberfeldy population fairly steady, but not as many young families – because of appropriate housing/ cost of housing. Big decline in rural villages, far less employment in estates – land owners diversifying in other ways.
71. A lack of childcare. Little childcare here is very expensive.
72. Poor S5 & S6. Level 6 results compared to other areas – lack of attraction to move to area.
73. Some of the population are temporary workers and they work here for a few years then move. Sometimes to Perth where there are better facilities.
74. Lack of childcare and lack of affordable housing.
75. A 3 bed house costs £1000pm to rent. How can young families move here with rents as high as that? Need PKC to build more houses!
76. Lack of affordable housing and all year round employment.
77. Pitlochry High School is a superb environment for pupils. It is a brilliant learning centre as has been proved over the years. The school should be supported and invested in to increase the numbers not taking it away from them. You cannot invest too highly in a child's education. This school should be at the highest level possible with technology being the highest importance. To be near home obviously brings the best out in a child. Long distance travel interrupts their ability to concentrate.
78. Declining rural population due to various economic factors > Housing costs; transport costs; building costs – Pitlochry is one of the highest business rated towns in region.

79. A shortage of affordable family housing in the area 3/4 beds.
80. (Related to comment above) I agree. Very expensive to buy here. Many travel from Perth because housing is cheaper.
81. There is nothing for young people to do here!!!
82. Housing costs and lack of land for affordable new builds – Look at Aviemore.
83. No jobs! Having fewer children (globally).
84. No housing.
85. Lack of affordable housing.
86. Lack of housing – affordable for businesses to grow.
87. We moved to the area because of the theatre. However we can't afford to buy a house here far too expensive. I have two children XXXXX years XXXXX years. My daughter is at XXXXX school – XXXXX
88. Maybe encourage families by having things for young people to do. Nobody will willingly move to a place with a neglected school and nothing for their children to do.
89. With the threat of school closures who would actually want to move here??? I moved because of the schools!!! 2 of which are under review!!!
90. There is a global trend moving jobs and people towards the cities. Additional fears (S5 S6) would provide a few extra jobs we need to encourage niche employers into the town to encourage school leavers to stay.
91. Conservatives doing another highland clearance job on our area so less people moving to area.
92. Lack of affordable housing. Young families cannot afford to move into the area + some have to move away to get onto housing ladder.
93. There is a lack of affordable housing in the area. Young families are 'priced out' by people coming to retire in the area.
94. After school activities – how do children get home independently?
95. Lack of housing seems to be an issue, also the fact they need to travel to Aberfeldy every day for S5 + S6 leads to pupils not being bothered.
96. Lack of affordable housing.
97. Lack of activities, affordable housing. There is nothing for them to do, lack of funding means no after school clubs etc. house prices are so high people can't afford to buy.
98. Lack of housing in the area. Very difficult for families to purchase against people looking for holiday homes.
99. Lack of affordable/rented housing for families. Lack of activities for this age group to participate.
100. Lack of affordable housing – many sold as 2nd holiday homes too. Work often seasonal and not full time. Fewer activities available locally to participate in – usually having to travel/move to Perth etc. instead.
101. Not enough housing (affordable) for bigger families! Resulting in moving to bigger towns.
102. Schools have a role to play in providing courses for young people where they learn about appropriate local employment routes and give them a vision of living, working and raising families in Highland Perthshire.
103. Uncertainty. I was considering moving here with my family but as soon as the uncertainty over the school was revealed that changed.
104. More young people moving away for employment?
105. Lack of housing for young families/people.
106. Although an amazing place to live there aren't a lot of amenities for the teenage children without having to go to Perth and also housing is very expensive.
107. Not enough affordable housing as Pitlochry is an aging population.
108. Lack of affordable housing. Job opportunities.
109. No cheap housing – rental or sale.
110. Nothing for teenagers/ young people.
111. Lack of affordable housing. Increasing childcare costs. Seasonal employment.
112. Housing is expensive for families – Austerity has meant less people are buying/ selling. Pitlochry has always been more expensive than elsewhere.

113. Confidence in long-term provision of primary and secondary education is essential in attracting families to the area. Uncertainty over the past 2+ years has had a negative impact. By its very nature Scotland is both urban and rural. Investment in rural Scotland is needed to attract families and encourage young people to stay. (comment added: I agree) Transport is a real barrier – dualling the A9 should address this somewhat.
114. High cost of living. Limited employment options. Poor public transport. Lack of affordable housing. Low paid/ low status seasonal employment. Lack of affordable childcare.
115. Not enough affordable housing (to rent/ buy) for families and young people. Not enough childcare options/ after school etc.
116. No new employment opportunities (mainly tourism/ farming).
117. Not enough jobs/ after school activities for kids in the area. No social clubs. Not enough housing. Pitlochry is boring to a lot of young people.
118. Lack of facilities available in the area. Organisations unwilling to support young people in the highland Perthshire area. Understanding that 0-19 population is decreasing all over Perthshire not just Highland Perthshire. Shortage of family (affordable/ council) housing in the area. When families need/ apply for new homes, they are being offered Aberfeldy. This is an issue under the 1 offer system.
119. Not just here, please remember numbers are dropping other areas too.
120. Lack of affordable housing. Lack of leisure facilities – No swimming pool. Reputation as a retirement area. Lack of work.
121. 7 year cycles? Numbers can go up too, but not if the school is undermined.
122. Perhaps young people moving to where there are jobs and education options (college/ university). Also a lack of affordable housing in Pitlochry. Worth noting that closing Pitlochry HS, in my view, would accelerate the population decline as this would take more jobs away from the area whilst also removing one of the big draws of living here – a great school.
123. Terrible private, wrap-around care i.e. 'None out of hours.' Dunkeld & Aberfeldy have this.
124. Utterly no rental housing or affordable homes in the area – we struggled to find property under £250,000. Fewer jobs for young people.
125. Lack of investment to meet rural needs: affordable housing; public transport; services.
126. Lack of breakfast club & after school club – very difficult for working parents. Lack of affordable housing.
127. Families focussing on city living? Jobs/ industry mainly focussed in central belt. Lack of investment in rural communities leisure facilities.
128. Lack of affordable housing! Lack of childcare!
129. Expensive housing means that myself as a young teacher cannot afford to buy a house and settle here. This is why there are less young people.
130. Lack of industry – suitable land/ premises.
131. As a parent of 3, we travel 4/5 times to Perth every week for sports facilities. We do this because there is a limit of quality facilities in Highland Perthshire and our leisure centre is on reduced opening hours, and closed every weekend. Can't think why young people don't want to live here.
132. House prices. Lack of facilities. A natural series of peaks and troughs.
133. Expensive house prices. Lack of childcare. Lack of facilities matched with expensive living, Coop prices unbearable.
134. Our school roll has been greatly affected by the uncertainty since the possibility of closure became in the public forum. This resulted in families not moving here and others going private.
135. I think the population is decreasing because Breadalbane Community Campus is more exciting than Pitlochry High School. No more spaces in any of the other schools in Highland Perthshire.
136. Because there's not a lot of choices for jobs.
137. I think it is decreasing because more people are moving houses and moving schools and going to university.

138. I think the population is decreasing because of more housebuilding in other places – we should build more houses.
139. I think the population of 0-19 year olds is decreasing is because the schools are small.
140. I am not sure.
141. I don't know.
142. People are moving.
143. I think that the population of young people is decreasing because of the housing being expensive.
144. Tourist's shops are very bad!!!
145. I think it is decreasing because you should at least go to university at the age of 18. Also because more families are moving away to different places.
146. I think the population is decreasing because: Blair Atholl, Logierait and Kirkmichael.
147. I think that the population is decreasing because people want to go to private schools.
148. I think it's decreasing because a lot of people are going to university and also some are going to Breadalbane and moving.
149. I think it might be expensive.
150. I think the population of the 0-19 year olds is decreasing because there are big and new schools like Breadalbane and they are going there.
151. Don't know.
152. I think you should be 18 then go to XX School.
153. Because the facilities are not as good as some other places.
154. I think the population is decreasing of housing in the town.
155. Not sure because it could be the place it is at or the place.
156. Because of bad school facilities.
157. Quite expensive to live in. Moving somewhere else.
158. ?
159. I don't know.
160. Yes just a bit.
161. Don't know.
162. I think the reason is house are running out and not peoples ideal jobs are here.
163. I think people are moving school to private schools and the school is needing repair so more people will join when it is repaired.
164. Pitlochry might be too much money.
165. I think that is because houses are expensive.
166. Because mums don't want baby and there are no children.
167. I don't know.
168. Stop declining house swops.
169. I think more houses in Pitlochry more people are moving to a school close to their home.
170. I do not know at all.
171. Yes, because people are moving to bigger and maybe better schools.
172. Don't know.
173. I don't know.
174. I don't know.
175. I really don't know.
176. They go to university and a lot of remote places don't have schools.
177. They go to university and college.
178. I'm sorry I have no idea.
179. Because they are moving away for unknown reasons.
180. Everyone wants to be in the city.
181. Nothing to do.
182. I don't know.
183. Because there is no university.
184. Going to university – moving after school/S6. Expensive place to live.
185. Yes, because there is no university here.
186. Going to university/college/work/moving house.

187. Older ones go to uni.
188. Work, transport, holidays.
189. I don't know.
190. I don't know maybe because our catchment area for PHS isn't big enough.
191. Maybe because the school is having less people.
192. As there is no colleges for them to go too so they will move for more education.
193. People go to college.
194. Families would move to Aberfeldy, and therefore Pitlochry would become empty.
195. I don't know?
196. Because they go to uni???
197. There's no school here for older teens.
198. No universities nearby!
199. Because Perth is the closest city with a college so it attracts more people.
200. Don't know.
201. More people are moving out to work in cities, therefore bring their children.
202. I don't know.
203. Because no one wants to move to a place where their kids will have to travel to school.
204. No clue.
205. Because there's no close colleges or uni's near here except Perth, so people have to move away if they want to go to college or uni.
206. Less jobs, less people having kids, people moving.
207. Less work (jobs).
208. Because the secondary doesn't go to S5-S6 if we had a S5-S6 more pupils will come.
209. Because there isn't 5th and 6th year so many people have moved leaving less pupils.
210. Because the secondary doesn't go to 5 and 6th year so they have all moved over but if we had a 5th and 6th year less people would leave and when people move here and see we only go to 4th year they might move to Feldy instead.
211. Families are reluctant to move here as there is no high school from S1-S6.
212. People are moving abroad? xxxxx, xxxxxxx, xxxxx.
213. People are moving to cities.
214. The plague? IQ below 50?
215. It's simple really, younger people are moving to the cities (like Dundee) for jobs while elders stay put in remote areas. These elders can no longer reproduce causing a rapidly declining population. Oh, also the crusades.
216. The crusades? I don't know, ask your professionals. They might be dying, you should look into that. We could always just blame video games again.
217. There is nothing fun for children to do and is very boring. Illegal substances.
218. School doesn't go to S5/S6 so not many people live in Pitlochry.
219. Because there is no college.
220. Due to current high school catchment areas and parents wanting them to where they grew up and so they don't have to travel to get to school.
221. Dunno!
222. If there is no S5 & S6 there isn't any reason for older children to be here.
223. People are moving to the cities. Houses are too expensive. People aren't interested in working in the tourist industry.
224. No affordable houses.
225. No new affordable housing.
226. I don't know.
227. Because they go to college.
228. Technically no one can be 0! However people want a city, not a highland house. You should build a city here in Pitlochry so people would move here have sex which would increase 1 second year olds to 19 year olds.
229. Because they go to college when leave school.
230. Not really got an idea.
231. Not got a clue.

232. You're not located near any big cities apart from Perth which isn't the best of places. The Highland Perthshire area is full of retired people and take most homes so no families can move up.
233. Don't know.
234. Not a lot to do.
235. Young people are moving to the big cities as there are lots of opportunities. Many pupils don't even go to S5 and S6 because you have to go to Breadalbane instead they go straight to college/uni.
236. I think because there are new schools and people might think the school is closing so they will move them so they can get settled in.
237. Primarily because more people are using condoms or other means of birth control.
238. Everything's in Perth. Because they aren't born. There's no S5 + S6 or higher education.
239. Housing costs. Jobs.
240. I think the population of Highland Perthshire is decreasing because there are not many jobs or business opportunities apart from tourism.
241. I don't know, just is.
242. Because a lot of 0-19 year old are moving to cities (Edinburgh/Glasgow) either to live or when they finish school and go to something like college/uni.
243. Most towns in the area are being filled with those retiring and property prices are too high for a young family to move here. Also there is a lack of prospects in the area for long-term jobs.
244. The school is not great (condition) so people want to have a better learning conditions so they move away.
245. Because parents are getting jobs in central belt and cities. Not enough housing.
246. No housing (affordable), no one can afford to live here.
247. It is a scenic town so it would seem to be attracting an older retired generation that have no children. There is no affordable housing. The jobs are usually out with the Pitlochry area.
248. New housing out with. Lack of things for the youth e.g. cinemas. School isn't capable for people.
249. Lack of facilities.
250. No houses. More jobs in city. Social life (more shops in bigger cities).
251. No jobs, lack of prospects.
252. Not enough opportunities, activities and easily become bored and families decide to move elsewhere for more opportunities. Poor quality in PHS.
253. It's more of a scenic place therefore more elderly people coming to retire. There's not any big opportunities for youth.
254. I don't know.
255. Because there is nothing to do anymore.
256. Because there is not a lot of things to do in Highland Perthshire, it doesn't seem attractive to new families instead it attracts elderly people, who want to move here to retire.
257. Is it just 0-19y olds, or is the population in general decreasing in the region? The most likely reason is lack of jobs for the parents of the children, who then need to move away to seek work, even if they don't necessarily want to. Decision makers should really look at what they could be doing to make it easier for people to move into the area. Closing a school, or moving pupils out of that school, would be exactly the wrong message in my opinion.
258. Is it? Till when? How do you know what will happen in 5 or 10 years' time. Dualling of the A9 will reverse this trend, without doubt.
259. The majority of children go away to college or university but later in life come back to settle with families of their own. The opportunities for work are poor.
260. At present people are already moving away from the area as the school appears to be under threat. If the future of the school is not secured, then more people will move if that is an option for them. Currently the town of Perth is expanding with a lot of new building

and business interest. Some of these people may choose to stay in Pitlochry and the surrounding area if schools are available for their children. The decreasing trend away from this part of Highland Perthshire could be stopped.

261. Because no investment is being made in towns like Pitlochry
262. Because properties are being snapped up for holiday homes or holiday lets which drives prices up and prices families out of the market. They then have to move further afield closer to a large town or city. Pitlochry will end up like Cornwall and become a ghost town in the winter with no locals to service the tourist industry. Europeans are not coming due to Brexit uncertainty so local hostelrys will struggle for cleaners etc.
263. Lack of opportunities for work.
264. Due to the lack of available housing for rent. Due to the current standard of schooling. No crèche available for 0-3 year old and an aging high school.
265. Lack of facilities and ambition.
266. Not having S5 & 6 available at the school is a key factor plus the lack of wrap around childcare at present. The lack of investment in facilities such as the school, town council building [library] and sports centre, all make Pitlochry a less desirable place to live. Instead of removing facilities, investment is required to encourage people to live here.
267. Mainly because parents are leaving to bigger cities looking for well paid jobs. As well properties are expensive to buy or rent in the area
268. Housing... House prices are too high and there isn't enough council houses for families so people have to move away. Jobs are another, if there are no jobs then parents have to move their families away so they can have a career.
269. Everyone is moving for greater opportunities for their children.
270. Lack of housing and jobs means the population is older closing rural schools also doesn't help who wants to move to an area with no school provisions
271. Parents moving for jobs
272. Don't believe it is, as percentages can be worked to suit the needs of those who are instigating changes with no thought to the community it is affecting. The older children are decreasing because they have to go away for their education because there is nothing locally provided
273. I believe that the lack of improvement in existing education facilities has encouraged people with young families to move closer to better facilities leaving an increasingly older population in the region. This emphasises the need to improve the rating of PHS, include 5th & 6th year, and expand the catchment to increase capacity.
274. I would say a lot of young people would rather move on to college and leave the area than move from Pitlochry to Breadalbane at the end of S4. Also Pitlochry does not have the best facilities for young people. Poor sports facilities, no real entertainment facilities.
275. Lack of affordable houses. Lack of jobs that offer more than minimum wage. Lack of investment in public transport. Lack of investment in sports and leisure facilities. Only now are we at the very start of having a decent safe road to make commuting a feasible option.
276. Unable to comment however increasing the school range to include 16-18 year old will help.
277. A lack of affordable housing for new parents. As a parent of a young family, I am unable to access properties that would be appropriate and there is little to no new housing being built!
278. On one hand, it's part of a general trend towards urban living and away from rural living, as prospects tend to be stronger in cities, however technology means that this no longer needs to be the case, so long as investment is made in 1. Rural facilities such as schools, and 2. Technology and broadband, so that businesses can work globally and be based rurally. PKC has an opportunity to make the most of its geography by investing in schools and facilities for young people in smaller towns, and in ensuring that national government commitments on broadband etc. are met, to allow new businesses to create jobs and economic impact in the same communities. The two are needed side by side, as without young people and families, there will not be the people to create sustainable

businesses, and without the facilities, people will continue to move out of rural areas, and into the cities - predominantly in the central belt, not in PKC. With growing businesses in Pitlochry, PKC needs to lead the way by investing in rural education through Pitlochry High School, to create a cycle of investment, not a spiral of decline.

279. Their parents chose to live elsewhere
280. Because schools are not providing sufficient facilities to attract families into the area, therefore the quality of education is being questioned.
281. Lack of things to do for them - if we build on upgrading the school maybe the option for having more sports classes etc. for kids would be an option.
282. If it is , I think people are going further afield for university and college but many return after a few years
283. The population of 0 - 19 year olds is probably not decreasing as much as some people are suggesting. Populations change with time and can be both up and down. Removing schools which are very much an attaching factor can only make the situation worse.
284. Lack of things to do, lack of resources, expensive house prices
285. Because you are coming up with silly proposals like this in instead of encouraging them to take up apprenticeships and gain respect from others in t the area. If you have nothing for them here no school, no respect then as I said above you will turn PITLOCHRY into a retirement village.
286. No work for people
287. There are not sufficiently attractive economic prospects for families attract them to this area. Lack of a High School will only amplify this problem.
288. Lack of investment in rural areas, the closure and centralisation of vital services and lack of affordable housing, our school being under this review certainly doesn't help encourage people to live here, which so very unfair. We moved here from XXXXX specifically for the school and how great it is. If we wanted our child to go to Aberfeldy and it was a better school then we'd have moved there! The reality is that Pitlochry is a wonderful place to bring up a family - the school being the heart of it.
289. Families having fewer children. Limited job opportunities for professionals. House prices too expensive for young families, and very limited rental accommodation to rent due to the tourist industry.
290. It is possible that Pitlochry High School has been too successful in guiding the pupils to follow their aspirations.....my own three daughters have all gone on to gain university degrees in their chosen field and are making their way in the big wide world. Pitlochry can never offer employment to attract such young people back. Pitlochry does, however, provide good employment opportunities in the tourism and service industries. If more employment of this type could be available then more families would stay in the town. For my family the very existence of a High School in Pitlochry was an attraction. Imagine if there was no school.....who would move to this area?
291. This is because of the uncertain aspects with the school and not allowing better facilities i.e. sport centre is a disgrace.
292. Because either people buy houses while bringing up families and stay put once children have flown the nest. As for social housing, elderly residents continue to live in family sized homes years after their own children have moved on and this results in less families being able to be housed in the area.
293. At the higher end of this age group young people leave to study at University or need to move for employment. The Rural skills training provided by HPCLT, although relatively small scale has enabled a number of young people to gain employment locally. Young families need two main things - jobs and housing. It is well known that housing costs are now such that you people struggle to be able to buy their own home. If they cannot do so they will either move to cheaper areas if there is employment or will rent (a less good option for them) if affordable rented accommodation is available. More houses need to be built but it is no use if they are not affordable. In Highland Perthshire many houses are being built that are enormous and are holiday houses, empty for much of the year.

This is a reflection of the inequality in our society and needs the National Government to take action.

294. It's purely demographics, a circle of life from the baby boom era. It'll come back round again.
295. Pupils leave to go to university and college; house prices are too expensive.
296. Older generation, it'll get lower if shut Pitlochry school
297. I think it is a national trend and it is forecast to rise again over the next 5 years. A good new school building, going through to S6, with vocational courses and strong links to Perth UHI would attract families with secondary age children.
298. As someone who left highland Perthshire at 18 to find work in Perth, I feel I can answer this first hand. Highland Perthshire has a wide array of seasonal vacancies, many rural and land based jobs, hospitality jobs, but in reality I had to move to Perth (grudgingly) to find permanent, full time, well paid job. Opportunities and affordable housing are a factor also. I am now in my early 30's and would love to move back to highland Perthshire and hopefully in the future raise my family here, however house prices are a barrier to me doing so.
299. Because they do not put enough activities or ensure areas are available for the children to enjoy and go to. Moving the children to Breadalbane even in 4th year previously was a bad move.
300. Unsure but possibly due to less income available since recession - people may think twice about having children or not as many as they might have if more money?
301. Is it decreasing or just the school roll? How many people have children in the area and choose to enrol them in a private school? Provide an appealing efficient facility and people will want to live in the area with their children.
302. Nothing in the town for young people. No clubs, no housing for LOCAL young people. Local young people move away because they can't afford to buy a house with sky high prices and low wages are the norm. Private renting is above £650 a month. No young person can afford this, crazy money. When 'affordable ' housing is built its people from out with the area that are allocated the houses. Totally wrong P & K Council. Another issue you HAVE to deal with to keep the young people in Pitlochry and stop the town being full of retired people and holiday homes.
303. You already know the answer to this. Economics. See my response above.
304. Younger adults are consistently priced out of the housing market plus a limited range of decently paid jobs in the area result in many families struggling within this rural context, leading to smaller family size/relocation to commuter catchment. Pitlochry also has a transient population of seasonal workers that do not necessarily settle, have families or have children in the school for any length of time. Families that wish to rent accommodation struggle to find affordable secure rentals due to the negative impact of holiday homes on the available local housing stock.
305. The population in this particular age bracket is decreasing perhaps due to a higher percentage of pensioners making up the community. There is also a lack of jobs to keep younger people in the area, unless they want to forge a career in tourism or hospitality. By creating deeper agricultural links, for example, PHS could potentially increase interest in this industry or others.
306. Rural school closures means no families are willing to move to the area. No opportunities in the areas for young families.
307. The Government does not make it easy for, or encourage, people to live in rural communities. However, rural communities are absolutely vital to the economy of Scotland - farming, sporting estates, fishing, walking, climbing, skiing, cycling, canoeing etc. etc..... But to live in areas where these industries are the predominant employers, means you don't have the same access to the same funded facilities as "townies" do - i.e. hospitals, clinics, doctors, schools, garbage collection, street lighting etc. We accept that but things have been cut back so much that we are at the stage that we won't accept any more cuts! So I think the uncertainty of living in rural areas as discouraged families from moving to or staying here.

308. Housing is a big issue and the choice of school has a big impact on where people settle and choose to live ... a school that gives the choice from nursery to 5/6th year would be a big draw to the area
309. It's a vicious cycle - lack of resources and facilities means younger families look elsewhere for opportunities, resulting in decline of services and facilities.
310. Because rural life and employment is reducing. Farming is an example, once 3 families would work the land which now only one does.
311. There's nothing there for them, and shutting down things leads to more loss of kids, and family.
312. There is very little by way of facilities for young people, especially in Pitlochry
313. With threats of closure and having to go to several different schools I think parents consider all these we have and we have considered relocation so our daughter only has to attend one secondary school not two different ones.
314. Because people are having smaller families for economic and environmental reasons!
315. Simple... House prices.
316. Less work for their parents so they move away
317. I'd imagine that transport issues make commuting to Perth or Dundee or the central belt problematic. In the next ten years this changes radically. Local graduate employment is limited, a good reason to add S5 and S6! Other local employment has been more attractive to young EU citizens as seasonal or gap year(s!). Brexit threatens this, but in any case hospitality industry here seems lacking in career structures and use of professional competency frameworks. Addressing these issues will increase median income opportunities which will encourage young families. A stable school experience will further enhance the appeal. I used to organise an annual 3-5 day residential, professional, international conference for 2-300. Pitlochry always struck me as a potential venue, although it's not quite there yet. Once PFT redeveloped and transport is there, then it could be a very attractive contender for this market (i.e. the £100k conferences that are too small for Perth Concert Hall, and also the £5-10k overnight / away day for workshops and symposia), and as a consequence more people will be able to settle here and start families.
318. It's a beautiful part of the country and all our houses are being bought up by rich retirees or rented out as holiday accommodation. This makes housing expensive and young couples are not able to get on the housing ladder or find anywhere to rent (there are constant pleas on social media for affordable rental property). This is coupled with a lack of well paid jobs for young professionals in the area, those who want to start a family move away to an area they can get a job and afford a house.
319. Where is the incentive for parents to settle here if they cannot be assured a stable educational environment for the school life of their children? The parent council for the school is fighting hard for local families and the school is providing more opportunities for the kids to get involved in rural life through scholarships etc. (XXXXX) - if you move the kids, you risk losing this passion. Keep it local, support local and there is the possibility to reverse the trend - reduce or close the school and you are the main reason for the issue.
320. More people moving to bigger towns. Change in types of employment available. Lack of affordable housing for their parents.
321. The lack of commercial opportunities to make a living - the insistence of big business and councils to central proven of services is actually pulling local provision of employment out of the community and exacerbating the situation - I left Pitlochry in 1985 to follow a career in accountancy and haven't come back - despite loving the place - there is no way of making a living wage - economic development should encourage remote working/ it skills / ensure tourism is seen as a full time credible employment opportunity.
322. For the same reason it is all over the highlands! People go away and then come back!
323. Jobs are not sufficient and diverse in rural areas

324. There is no childcare facilities. Insufficient youth groups. Poor leisure facilities. Especially in relation to other like sized towns. It's not attracting young families to the area.
325. No job opportunities.
326. Not sure really.
327. Work (higher skilled). Many skilled jobs in the area were with Hydro and others located in Pitlochry. These staff no longer require to live in the area where they can't always afford housing so live in Perth and further.
328. Their parents favour the facilities in the bigger towns and cities.
329. many young adults have to move due to lack of jobs
330. In the Pitlochry area I believe this due to the housing situation. First time buyers and people with young families generally don't stand a chance of getting a house. It seems most houses that do come on the market are snapped up as holiday homes for an inflated price. This forces local first time buyers to move out of the area, with their families.
331. Not enough viable living wage employers to the local area, lots of minimum wage jobs but with no real prospect of progression.
332. Parents chose to live near larger towns with full high school provision.
333. Because there just isn't enough to keep people going. The thought of changing schools makes pupils want to move away and find a job which isn't good for education or the community.
334. The ageing population in rural areas does not encourage young people to stay in highland Perthshire. The school running events for young people keeps them active and interested in learning. It also encourages people to come to the area to raise their families. Pitlochry is one of the best places to raise a family, but we need to encourage people to stay. Getting rid of our secondary school does not do this.
335. Because nothing is being done to encourage people to move/live/stay there to raise their families. Schools are under threat of closure and parents obviously do not want their children's education disrupted so they stick where they hope it is safe.
336. Lack of work and housing.
337. No affordable housing in this area has been a long term problem. Homes are too expensive for the average family.
338. Because of a lack of opportunity, which as they grow up means they choose to have their own children elsewhere to allow them opportunities they didn't have themselves.
339. Urbanisation. A trend that will be reversed in coming years.
340. Population is becoming saturated by old people retiring and moving to Highland Perthshire.
341. Not sure this just in Highland Perthshire, it's a UK wide issue.
342. Lack of early years provision puts people off living in Pitlochry.
343. The nursery is full and growing .
344. Families are discouraged from staying here / moving here because of lack of childcare & affordable housing and now uncertainty over the future of our High School. There is no way of quantifying how many families have considered living here but decided against it for these reasons.
345. House prices not affordable for families.
346. Scotland youth population overall is in decline and rural areas are more likely to see a more rapid decrease in numbers as employment prospects for patents are limited locally and jobs more available in cities and larger towns. Transport is extremely expensive for everyone including children and bus and train services are pretty poor. Since 2008 when the world took a hit from the big recession basically everything has become more challenging for everyone and this tends to displace people to where they will find it easiest to make a living and bring up their kids.
347. Limited employment opportunities.
348. Unaffordable housing. Lack of 5th 6th year at the school. A dip in the cycle of young people.

349. Because of a lack of 6 year education in the area, parents now have the option of where their children are educated, many prefer their children to attend only 1 school for the 6 years as this is less disruptive to their education and development into young adults.
350. Because there is a rising aging population and a transient work force and the inability for families to secure affordable housing.
351. Because they have to travel lengthy distances to Aberfeldy or other areas, for facilities that we need in Pitlochry.
352. Young families can't afford to buy or rent property in the area. There are few well paid jobs and lots of seasonal employment in tourism and hospitality sectors. There are too many second homes/holiday lets and local people are 'priced out' of the market. There is limited social housing.
353. Rural schools and communities lack investment. Invest and care for rural communities. People do not always want to live in a city. Invest in small businesses. Provide opportunities for business and employment encourage people to move to Highland Perthshire. If people think that their needs and their children's needs are not going to be provided for they will not move here. People move away to find work - bring the work to rural communities.
354. Lack of decent facilities.
355. I don't know. Perhaps more investment is needed to make it an attractive place for families - closing the school is not a good idea!
356. The town caters mainly for tourists. The town is beautiful, the surrounding area stunning, therefore visitors are attracted to it. Many people retire to Pitlochry. They have little or no previous connection with the town and its local population and are not necessarily interested in the school situation. What would attract young couples with children in the 0-19 bracket to settle in Pitlochry? There is little employment outside the hospitality industry. The school only goes as far as S4 and this might be seen as a negative.
357. People retiring to Pitlochry more and more.
358. Size of families are decreasing and facilities in this area are sadly lacking. There is nothing to encourage younger people to live here.
359. Lack of affordable housing.
360. Young families are already choosing to settle nearer schools offering better facilities.
361. 1. Rural work has decreased, at one time there were more estate workers and their families but there is a decline in that, for example farmers, gamekeepers, ghillies etc. There seems to be more opportunities in cities and big towns but I believe that is a phase and country life will make a comeback. 2. Lack of affordable housing. And far too many houses being bought as a source of income for example private rentals and holiday homes. It's quite sickening to see how many houses in this town are used as holiday houses. As a result we have bought an overpriced house with insufficient space just so we can live in this wonderful town, and I'd like to add that our mortgage payments are less than any rent we ever paid in Pitlochry. More should be done to help house families who want to live here. 3. Women are waiting until they have established careers before starting families and people are having less children because the cost of living in 2018 Britain is very high. And we also live in a more selfish society where people are focused more on their selves than having kids. 4. I actually think Pitlochry is having a baby boom right now which will be good for the future of the town if the school is saved.
362. I believe that people are choosing not to move here because of their children having to travel so far for their final years at school, as it has such a detrimental effect on their whole well-being at such a vital time in their education.
363. Cost of accommodation.
364. The major reason is the lack of affordable houses to buy or rent for families. This allied to the area not sustaining sufficient high quality well-paying jobs causing migration to the areas / cities where these are more prevalent.
365. Studies show that the main problem for many rural communities is lack of people and in remote areas school closure is a sign of a loss of population. It is within the wider

mandate of P&K Council to understand, support and develop rural communities. The Leader of P&K Council said, in 2018, "He felt rural communities had been left behind."

366. Not enough emphasis on young people and opportunities for them here close the school and this is exacerbated.
367. There is a lack of facilities for children in the town.
368. There is a lack of affordable houses to buy. The house prices are very inflated in Pitlochry and too much for someone on a theatre wage to buy. Also the schools need to attract young people to stay on and become more competitive with further education establishments. My XXXXX is XXXXX years old and studying XXXXX and XXXXX. Many young people move to England to study, especially in the arts because of the lack of student funding for arts subjects in Scotland. If there was an alternative i.e. an apprenticeship, linked the theatre with Pitlochry School, offering technical theatre, or even in theatre administration I think young people would choose the schools. Also may be offering affordable boarding for S5 and S6 pupils. Some Europeans are moving back (abroad) because of uncertainty. Jobs are limited to certain trades - Theatre, hospitality, tourism, agriculture, and The Coop. Hopefully the money coming into Perth and Dundee will be used to help improve the whole area - I think Digital arts and film are becoming important to this area. Education is changing and children need to have incentives to stay on and say why a place is special to learn. My XXXXX year old is XXXXX and about to take NAT 5 and has struggles with the constant change in teachers at Breadalbane, also XXXXX wants very firmly to be involved with computers especially Game development. If Pitlochry offered this XXXXX would move back and Breadalbane is not supporting XXXXX needs mainly because teachers don't understand autism and related leaning needs such as Dyslexia.
369. Again, a difficult question for the 'punter'. Being described as 'Remote Rural' is surely indication enough. Our rural communities across the country are being eroded due to the general changes that are upon us. Our local estates are diversifying, selling land and estate houses and there appears to be more focus from PKC on the more populated areas. This should not mean that our rural towns and communities are looked upon as expendable. Local housing is far too expensive and I have spoken to 2 young families in the last few weeks who want to return to the area but can't find affordable housing. I'm not sure that the population rate is any different from the rest of Perth and Kinross although statistically I am sure that changes in smaller communities do appear greater. It is also possible that there are also fewer migration influences (from other areas and abroad) given the lack of affordable housing.
370. I'm unsure if these figures are entirely accurate - what is the source? I see large class sizes in our lower primary and upper primary. Maybe securing PHS for the future would increase the population, and discourage people moving their children to private education.
371. Scotland as a whole is ageing, that is why we need to avoid Brexit and encourage population growth via immigration. Lack of affordable housing/social housing is very apparent, people in many occupations can live anywhere that is serviced by fast broadband. Job opportunities could certainly be improved by encouraging business to move into the area.
372. Threats of closure of the school as well as the lack of decent facilities such as have been provided at Breadalbane drive families away. We have already lost the playgroup because of lack of support from the council. Let's not have another nail in Pitlochry's coffin.
373. As the area is so dependent on tourism, there is a low diversity in full time jobs with attractive salaries and also a lack of affordable housing to rent or buy. Families are becoming more reliant on living off of two full time wages, and those looking to relocate will undoubtedly choose somewhere with more stability, such as Perth. As a result, less children are moving into the area, and local children have more lucrative job opportunities and stable lifestyle out with this area.
374. Fewer employment opportunities compared to cities

375. I think the population of young people is growing: the nursery and primary are bursting at seams.
376. Housing, lack of jobs, poor facilities in the area. Housing is a huge huge issue. The housing stock is for families and this is very expensive. Few opportunities for younger families to move into the area.
377. Need more housing
378. Due to the remoteness of the area and increasing lack of facilities for families and young people. People are seeing the investment in towns and cities such as Perth and moving away from the remotest areas to be nearer better facilities and lower costs. Nothing is encouraging families to move to such a remote area and particularly with these uncertain times, families are likely to be looking to move away. Even to attend college, transport links are poor further increasing the likelihood of this age range decreasing in the area.
379. This is happening because more and more the Council centres facilities in and around Perth. Witness Bertha Park.
380. There are many people who view the Highlands as the perfect place to retire, and so I think this increase in people without children is the reason.
381. Lack of employment opportunities for their parents.
382. Population fluctuates continuously, to close down the high school for the sake of such a small yearly decrease is short sighted. Pitlochry and the surrounding areas are continuing to be developed and bringing more families to the area, which in turn will up the population of 0-19yr olds.
383. Unknown... possibly with not as many employment opportunities in the area? Also the question is what is there available for a teenager to do in these areas. It would be what would make me considering moving somewhere with more to offer.
384. Economic pressures may be affecting birth rates, but they are certainly affecting people being able to afford living more rurally. There are likely more job opportunities in cities so people will have to move where the work is.
385. Because the council are not investing in them
386. Is it? I have seen no evidence of this. My child is at Pitlochry nursery and the nursery has never been busier. There are a lot of families with young children in the area. Based on this, I would expect the 0-19 only to increase in future years.
387. Is it? News to me where is the evidence for this??? I have a 3 year old in nursery right now and it is heaving. More than 55 children on the roll and that's only 3-5 year olds. Where is the solid evidence for this statement?
388. The birth rate throughout the world is decreasing, and this area is reflective of that. Maybe the lack of local and central gov't investment in rural services, with all focus being on poverty gaps in our cities, dissuades families from moving to Highland Perthshire. Keep funding Bertha Park developments and the like, and the 0-19 population will continue to decline. Other than that I've no idea. Why does that question have any relevance, other than to covertly make a point that reducing numbers supports school closure? You could have asked the question..."Why do you think expenditure in Pitlochry High School has been decreasing?"
389. Scotland as a whole is ageing, that is why we need to avoid Brexit and encourage population growth via immigration. Lack of affordable housing/social housing is very apparent, people in many occupations can live anywhere that is serviced by fast broadband. Job opportunities could certainly be improved by encouraging business to move into the area.
390. There is very little to do in the surrounding areas and so people are drawn to areas that have activities and events for young people.
391. Worldwide people are generally moving towards the bigger towns and cities.
392. The property prices in the area and lack of affordable housing make it difficult for families with children to stay in the area or move to the area.
393. This decline is possibly not unique to Highland Perthshire and instead of contributing to this decline, by the threat of the school closure, should this decline be addressed by improving the school building in Pitlochry attracting pupils and families to the area.

394. Older pupils leave to go to university, college or to look for jobs.
395. Because of the uncertainty of the future of Pitlochry High School
396. Possibly the lack of work unless you are self-employed.
397. Maybe because schools are closing and parents are moving elsewhere
398. Not a lot of work for them. Go away to university.
399. No housing, no job prospects, no local facilities. A gym that shuts at weekends, no swimming pool and no childcare. It's a tourist town which does nothing for locals and is run by people who resist change. It's expensive and the shops are all designed for an older population and tourism. Look after locals and they may want to stay.
400. Loss of employment opportunities, particularly in SSE.
401. Are you sure that it is decreasing? Or are more children going to independent day schools?
402. It is quite a rural community and the younger people leave for further education and often find jobs nearer where they studied rather than in the more rural areas. This is why it's important to add 5th and 6th year to Pitlochry, surely more teachers would be needed and might encourage more young people to gain employment in the area.
403. Easy answer, lack of investment in appropriate and affordable housing. There is no family size social housing available and most houses in Pitlochry are too expensive. It means it is cheaper to live in Perth and travel to Pitlochry for work and children go to school in Perth. Any investment in the school should include a review of housing in Pitlochry. Or include some wrap around childcare so parents can work in Pitlochry, live in Perth and bring their children to Pitlochry school.
404. Because the council doesn't seem to understand that we exist. There is a huge amount of money and opportunity give to Perth but nothing like that in rural area. I feel very heavily penalised for choosing not to live in a city and that should not be the case. The council needs to start addressing these needs and promoting other areas out with Perth. There is so much to offer in the rural areas but that is not recognised or appreciated centrally, which is very short sighted!
405. I feel it may be to do with the lack of opportunities in the area, by forming a community campus which could become a hub for the town it may encourage families to stay. Lack of jobs in the town may also be a reason.
406. A lack of affordable housing is the reason, as families who want to move to this wonderful town of Pitlochry cannot afford the expensive houses which come on the market, PKC must look at providing housing within reasonable reach to bring families to Pitlochry, the latest local area plan shows plans for houses, they must be within a reasonable price range.
407. Has to be a combination of factors: * larger local firms moving headquarters to Perth. * Some employers previously wanted staff to live near work, but this is no longer required. * Lower than average percentage of 17-19 living at home as they have to stay in cities to attend college/ university.
408. The figures presented by PKC show a reduction of 239 over seven years. The decline is exaggerated by the graphic provided. The severely cropped y axis gives the impression of catastrophic collapse in numbers, whereas the actual change is 14% over seven years, or 2% per year on average in the last seven years. These figures need to be reported as part of a longer time series to show the context. Have there been regular fluctuations in numbers over time or is the recent apparent trend unprecedented? There seems to be no value in speculating on the reason for the decline (if it is significant). Rather, some structured research is required to determine the causes.
409. Lack of opportunities/employment; transport links; cost of housing/living; lack of investment; decrease in a young vibrant community leading to little or no social activities.
410. Lack of affordable social housing. Concern about the closure of the secondary school. Cost of public transport. Lack of recreational facilities in the town.
411. Lack of future.
412. Lack of affordable housing due to people buying second homes or letting holiday homes which drives prices up. Lack of employment for working families. Lack of

facilities/activities for children. Pitlochry has an ageing population but needs to offer more provision for families and children.

413. Lack of affordable housing/ poor schools means families are not enticed into the area.
414. Lack of affordable housing & employment opportunities esp. apprenticeships.
415. Lack of affordable housing.
416. Cities will always have a pull on our young people. Minimum wages, high rents and house prices will always discourage said people from building their immediate future here.
417. I don't know the answer to this
418. No idea really.
419. Highland Perthshire has an appalling lack of childcare options and leisure facilities. Without investing in these, families will not move into the area. This already has an impact on local businesses and services. Our out of hours service in the community hospital has been drastically reduced over the last few years due to an inability to recruit. We need to attract people in not scare them away!
420. Not enough opportunities for further education, training schemes or apprenticeships. Bank closures that was always a good source of taking on young people and training being given.
421. School and education cut backs the lack of opportunity's further education and employment o.
422. I wasn't aware it was but affordable housing is bound to contribute.
423. Not enough employment opportunities. Not enough advanced education opportunities. Living costs too high in Perthshire.
424. Because of lack of investment in rural schools and education, if you want a thriving countryside education opportunities are important and you don't achieve that by busing youngsters away from home every day.
425. Lack of non-seasonal jobs; widespread poor working conditions discouraging permanence, or relocation, so families don't settle here; lack of affordable housing; lack of useful, reliable affordable public transportation making it very difficult to live/work here without driving; insufficient services oriented toward younger people; lack of non-service jobs (especially graduate-level jobs) making it difficult for working people to move here.
426. If you close our schools we will have no children. Pitlochry will be full of pensioners and no young people. No school means no provision and I certainly would NOT have moved back if there wasn't a high school. It is the reason we moved back!!!
427. Housing costs, lack of jobs and poor childcare options out the biggest factors I see.
428. Council cutbacks to rural provision? Why is this question included and relevant? Much more could and should be offered to rural communities to enhance experiences for our 0-19 year olds. Pitlochry bring so much tourism and therefore income to our region, why do we not have facilities to balance this out. A swimming pool/leisure provision like Breadalbane Campus would most certainly benefit locals and tourists so this needs to be considered. The facilities and opportunities in Pitlochry were greater when I was growing up here 40 years ago than they are now!
429. Because places like Pitlochry are becoming like retirement villages....if you take away schools them you will not attract families to live there.....
430. If any in Pitlochry is increasing, have lots of friends, and myself, with little kids, I can't even get my son for 5 days in nursery due to lack of space so how is it decreasing?
431. No affordable housing available or getting built. Council hasn't invested in the area with Council houses.
432. All of the schools are being closed so people will choose to buy and live elsewhere. Plus, people are buying homes to rent out as holiday lets and not family homes.
433. People are having smaller families nowadays so the demographic is changing
434. Lack off job opportunities and affordable h
435. Any question that quotes statistics without first fully explaining the wider context is misleading and dangerous. The facts (taken from National Records Scotland) are that the total population of 0-19 year olds across all electoral wards across Scotland is

decreasing. The facts show that across Highland Perthshire and Scotland the population is ageing. Therefore, the demographic trends in Highland Perthshire are no different to the rest of Scotland. On a positive note, the population of 0-5 year olds in Highland Perthshire is stable, whilst the rest of Scotland is showing a decline of 2% over the period 2011-2017. Strong and attractive education provision in Highland Perthshire is vital to ensuring families choose to raise their children in rural areas. This question is also unfair as the answers are always going to be of a negative nature. My personal view is that Pitlochry High School has been neglected and has seen under-investment for years and this along with the lengthy PKC estate transformation review process, has had an impact on the school role.

436. Difficult to answer without access to all information however a lack of adequate investment in infrastructure and opportunity will lead to failure to attract and retain younger families and individuals resulting in a shift to an older demographic.
437. Forty years ago, when I first came to the area, there was a wide range of jobs available, e.g. professional, skilled manual, farming, retail, as well as tourism services. In the intervening years, many, particularly professional jobs, have gone, seriously reducing the flow of younger incomers and consequently their families. I was speaking to a long-term resident the other day who said XXXXX daughter, now in her 30s, had turned down a chance to return to Pitlochry because of the school issues.
438. Lack of investment in transport links. Lack of employment options outside of the tourism industry - the only way to improve this is to invest in diversifying the local economy. Lack of affordable housing.
439. Because families aren't able to purchase in the area and rents are ridiculously high. Some closing in on £1000 per month. Does not make sense when compared to average incomes.
440. Lack of sustainable work. Effect of internet purchasing. Keep business local. Poor availability of housing. Lack of community spirit which can be built securely in a new Pitlochry community campus.
441. Lack of jobs that are all year round for parents, also lack of housing. There are few houses in the area bigger than a 2 bedroom, most families require a 3 bedroom house.
442. There are probably a number of factors at work here but primary drivers would probably be the financial pressures on families. High accommodation costs - affordable housing skilled employment - living wage work. These are key factors in the growth of communities and settlement of families in the area.
443. ?
444. In the past - farming and industries that operated in the area, such as the electricity supply industry had their staff resources residing in the area. It is now common for work to be done by contract, bringing in workers for the job - the workers do not live in the area hence no families.
445. This is not just a Highland Perthshire population it affects the whole of Scotland. Reasons - not in order of priority. a) Lack of affordable housing in Pitlochry and area for your young working families. b) over the past five decades lack of support by government and P&K Council to bring more jobs & light industry to the area. c) PH School kept for decades as a Junior High.
446. I am concerned that the demographic is ageing. Pitlochry has a mono-economy with a focus on tourism, these are not attractive to young people. There is not enough grass roots support. In rural economies to diversify the workforce or create and nurture opportunities for creative talents.
447. Possibly part of a wider pattern of rural depopulation, but it hasn't decreased that much.
448. A lack of affordable housing. There is a real shortage of affordable homes. Many of the rented flats are tiny and not ideal for families. A lack of childcare. Poor public transport, which keeps being reduced. A lot of old housing in need of renovation - costly to do.
449. The lack of affordable housing, ageing population and work opportunities.
450. More facilities required in Pitlochry community pool, cinema, leisure, sport, library. If Aberfeldy can do it why not Pitlochry!!

451. Transient workforce - come for summer only. Not commutable to central belt.
452. I believe it is coming down to housing and affordability. Most couple/ single people with children in Pitlochry are struggling to find houses or affordable rents therefore it is more attractive to go the Perth etc. all the help to buy more affordable. This year alone I know of 4 family that have left Pitlochry for Perth that is 7 children.
453. Lack of services and things to do for families. Lack of affordable housing.
454. Threat of closure to the High School. People are moving away because of the proposal to close.
455. Older demographic pricing young folk out of home ownership locally.
456. Possibly the fact there is no continuity in proceeding through to S6 puts parents off moving here.
457. We do not have a first class education/ campus/ college. No families no children no community no more Pitlochry
458. Lack of work and distance to find suitable work.
459. Jobs, housing.
460. I don't know.
461. See above plus the lack of activities especially in Pitlochry.
462. High house prices, lack of affordable housing no jobs. Not enough focus on the children's future.
463. Lack of social housing.
464. Lack of affordable housing and employment for adults with families.
465. Education situation taking young people away far too soon. With more use of computing at work the number of employment opportunities in the area can increase and hence the number of young families also increase.
466. Highland Perthshire needs to do more to provide a top quality, 21st century, technological aware education for all 0-19 year olds. We need to invest in our young people & our communities.
467. Insufficient jobs locally for their parents and a general reduction in the size of families.
468. Too expensive. Everything is at the tourists £££. Build more affordable housing for young families and do it soon.
469. Poor job opportunities. Families not moving here as schools not up to scratch. Lots of collective reasons.
470. Merely the lack of affordable housing for ageing families.
471. Lack of access to affordable housing. There are areas zoned for housing throughout Highland Perthshire, but they are not attractive to developers because P&KC make it far easier to develop sites around Perth, such as Bertha Park, by providing all the infrastructure needed for development. Just another example of P&KC favouring Perth over rural areas.
472. Maybe there is a change happening as the usual employment options have changed and we are experiencing a dip while Pitlochry "re-brands" itself with new opportunities.
473. It is expensive to live here; buying property is not an option for most so they move out with to other areas like Aberfeldy. Try to encourage families to move here, have an amazing campus, Library, community centre here for them. Aberfeldy is difficult to get to, off the A9. PHS is perfect and central.
474. People grow up here and places like this and want to further themselves and end up leaving for the cities and end up staying away. When people sell houses it tends to be retiring people buying and less families.
475. High cost of local housing. Lack of employment opportunities. Lack of small industrial units.
476. I believe a large reason is due to the lack of wrap around care for children in the area (no breakfast of after school club & no private nursery). With more parents/mums working this does not encourage more families into the area.
477. Lack of transport & facilities. Population fluctuates due to tourist industry. Accommodation costs-private letting should be in line with council letting costs.

478. Lack of affordable housing. Very high rents (family house is £1,000 pcm). Families less likely to move here because of lack of education from S4 and worries about travelling time.
479. Lack of affordable housing for families reducing families being able to move to Pitlochry.
480. I don't have any figures on this, but I find it strange as everywhere you look there are babies & toddlers...
481. Brexit has caused some E. European families to leave, even though they have been vital to our economy (tourism). This will mean fewer kids reaching secondary. Houses are expensive & there is less social housing so families with children are struggling to stay in a place where it's more difficult to make ends meet during austerity. Disability provision is poor, so parents with disabled children are actively encourage to move to the city.
482. This is not a question that can easily be answered by anyone, let alone an average member of the public with no strong insights into local population dynamics. The information provided by PKC on this at the drop in sessions are so lacking in detail as to be of no significant help in answering the question above. Are there equal declines in the number of 5 year olds as there are declines in 18 year olds? Amalgamating 0-19 year olds into one group, when the drivers for different ages will be so different, render this question meaningless. One thing is for certain, if you remove the school from the town or fail to invest and expand its offerings, the number of 0-19 year olds in Pitlochry will likely experience further decreases.
483. I believe that this question should not have been asked here, but I will give an answer – I do not know and I suspect no-one really does. The lack of detail in the presentation material by PKC also fails to help me answer this question. For example, are there declines in all parts of this broad 0-19 age group or are some age ranges increasing and other decreasing? E.g. are 16-19 year olds a significantly declining part of this age bracket as they leave the area for educational and work opportunities? I really believe that by consolidating 0-19 year olds into a single group, this question is rendered meaningless.
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10) What are your ideas for improving the school for the children?

Comments

1. Money needs to be spent on school and sport centre.
2. Playgroup, afterschool activities, sports.
3. Schools should always be improved slowly and gentle without all this attention seeking histrionics by PKC.
4. I agree with all the proposals on the leaflet except for moving the library and including Kirkmichael. I think S5 & S6 should stay at Pitlochry and make use of technology for their education. I also think that P7 should be moved up to S1 and that Primary education should end at P6.
5. Needs improvement of the outdoor areas especially nursery and primary.
6. Give Pitlochry the same opportunities that Aberfeldy has. Subject choices, leisure centre, community café, library.
7. A lovely new school would be nice.
8. New school with facilities equal to those offered at Breadalbane and S5 & S6 would be great.
9. Improve school cash flow to fund the repairs by opening it or community se e.g. meetings, clubs, adult education classes etc.
10. Give Pitlochry High School full status with S1–6. The children of the area deserve a full secondary school with community use of the school. Pitlochry children should not have been bused here there and everywhere in all weathers and then be unable to participate in afterschool events anywhere.
11. Pitlochry should have a campus – the same as Aberfeldy.
12. Get rid of the threat which is currently hanging over the school. The sooner the future of Pitlochry HS is secured the better. Children's learning is affected by insecurity. Ensure curriculum breadth with a wide subject choice which is relevant to the wider community.
13. S1 – S4 impacts on staff quality. S1 – S6 could improve this but how many teachers want such a small school on their CV?
14. I don't think our children are missing out on anything in their education at PHS. They are happy, challenged and feel secure. What is the problem?
15. Build a new school or improve.
16. A campus with better facilities is what our children in this day and age deserve. A school from nursery to S6 with better sports and meeting facilities. Many other towns near Pitlochry have campuses, why should Pitlochry be missed!
17. Pitlochry children should have the same school facilities within their own community as do the children in Aberfeldy – equality of provision.
18. The current school was built in the 70's as a temporary measure. The Council have had their money's worth so a new school would be acceptable.
19. A new school including a campus. S5 & S6 facilities, more use for the children.
20. To include S5 & S6. Better options and choices in secondary if this was to happen. Possible rebuild!
21. Able to go to school near home.
22. Improve the school and facilities – campus? Hub? Out of school hour's facilities, afterschool clubs etc.
23. Bring other community ventures together e.g. library, adult education, FE, Growbiz, technology. Incubation potential for new small businesses bring real life and world of work opportunities to create a new ground breaking school model.
24. Make the school a community! Café, library, sports centre, improve subject choices.
25. A new building is more than due. Now there is more money for P&K than ever before so it is the duty to claim enough for a new school.
26. Extend digital learning to give wider subject choice in secondary. Invest in the building.
27. Improve sport facilities.

28. 1) Investment in the building. 2) School to include S5 & S6, which would take away long travel times for children going to Breadalbane. 3) Leisure facility & swimming pool as part of school complex.
29. Provide S5 & S6 with use of distance learning where needed: tele conferencing/ YouTube/ streaming and more facilities i.e. swim/ climb here instead of travelling.
30. Investment in building and people!
31. New books. Nice library. Pick up litter. Spaces for hide and seek. Cooking and baking class.
32. Investment. 1) Building. 2) Staff.
33. I don't think a lot of difficulty would be encountered with simply opening up the school to S5 & S6, and refurbishing the school along the lines of Alyth PS.
34. Make it bigger and better. My grandchildren will be at this school (2 already are). Encourage people to send their children to Pitlochry.
35. Including S5 & S6 in the school for 'complete' education.
36. Improve the fabric of the building. Make it a community hub like Breadalbane with a swimming pool, library, multi-purpose rooms.
37. Better to remain for S5 and S6. Difficult to change over at that stage.
38. Upgrade to S5 & S6. Allow PHS (secondary) pupils who already perform well to stay and continue to reach their potential in their own community.
39. ££ for buildings and pupils numbers seems to be your over – riding concern – surely it's not only about this... this question leads people to think in this way. PHS (secondary) provides an excellent education (provided those numbers).
40. Excellent academic results. High expectations of children's achievements.
41. It's a great school – just don't shut it or make it smaller! Please let them stay here for S5 & S6 – extra 2 hours of misery on the bus will not happen. Sharing teachers by video sounds like a fantastic option.
42. Improved facilities – support for learning, sports facilities, improved technology, upgrade school to incorporate S5 & S6.
43. The school is great – don't downplay what it achieves for all. Add sport, leisure, library, S5/6, specific ASN for Highland Perthshire, better nursery 1140 hours provision. Please note – fabric of this building is great compared to others not being reviewed. School well furnished, resources and well looked after. Primary/ N is area needing removed.
44. Not change school to Breadalbane. New campus w facilities for entertainment.
45. Links with the theatre with an arts specialism including music – maybe with a leaning to folk music. Special needs provision and unit. Revamp of hall, music rooms, art rooms drama area with up to date equipment. Also provision in digital arts and links to Dundee University.
46. Additional needs provision. But where would the financial injection come from?
47. Add an S5 and S6 so children feel settled and can strive for excellence.
48. Revamp areas such as gym, music, H.Ec and include a drama rea. A pool and bigger library. Do not lose any staff – they are all dedicated to their jobs.
49. Add S5 + 6.
50. Include S5 + S6. Improve facilities for sport etc. do we need another new school in Perth? Spend money on the ones we have + improve them.
51. Could the S5 & S6 be at Pitlochry. Not all the pupils 'fit-in' when going to Aberfeldy think of time to leave the home + when do they return.
52. Accommodate S1 through to S6. Invest so space (fit for purpose) for sports/after school activities/clubs etc. invest so modern and fit for purpose for staff and pupils.
53. Instead of funding new schools all over Perth put some money into our wonderful school to improve its condition to allow it to hold S5 & S6. Make it somewhere for after school activities and for other local groups to use.
54. Include S5 & S6 in Pitlochry. Expand to campus for more use by all!
55. My ideas are make more room in the playground for more space to play in.
56. Do it up?
57. By making better facilities.

58. Better bathrooms, better water fountains, a bigger school library & more toilets & more space & more sinks.
59. I think it would be good for improving the school for children.
60. You could improve the subjects. Are change the rating.
61. Bigger playgrounds, bigger school.
62. Add more facilities.
63. I want to... renovate the school and make sure that the pupils of our school still get a good education, even if we're moving schools.
64. Leaving the S5 & S6 at Pitlochry high school.
65. Better food at the diney and neater bathrooms/ toilets. Facilities better.
66. My ideas for improving the school for the children are nothing.
67. Astro pitch, swimming pool.
68. Add more class rooms. Maybe more space for the secondary to hang out.
69. More sporting facilities and more learning facilities.
70. I think we should improve the condition of the school and keep the S5/6s in the school because it is really close to some people's houses.
71. Better for young children.
72. Wear your own clothes not the school uniform.
73. Add more areas.
74. We possible could have more PE supplies. We could renovate the classrooms but I like the primary layout and wouldn't like it to change.
75. More stuff to play on because it is boring and make better food and more space to eat because it gets crowded and therefore is horrible.
76. Community campus. Leisure facilities, exam room, library, swimming pool, more subject options.
77. Community campus will add activity to be fitter. Broaden education choice. Leisure facilities, exam room, swimming pool, library, more subject options.
78. Bigger play time areas.
79. I would say repair the water fountains and bathrooms.
80. I think if its better more people will come to the school.
81. Toilets.
82. It will give them better school lives.
83. I think if we could make the school bigger and if we could get opportunities for learning.
84. I don't know.
85. Make them have more of a say.
86. Because we can add people to school.
87. I don't know.
88. Add football goals.
89. Don't know.
90. I think that we should have better apparatus in PE and new workbooks for other activities.
91. Build community campus like Breadalbane Academy. Add leisure facilities.
92. Making it bigger.
93. Making it bigger.
94. I don't know.
95. Get more sports equipment.
96. Astro turf, warmer classrooms, looser uniforms rules. Basketball court, tennis court, bigger library, spaces to charge phones, somewhere to sit in stair well and warmer.
97. Astro turf, warmer classrooms, looser uniforms rules. Basketball court, tennis court, bigger library, spaces to charge phones, somewhere to sit in stair well.
98. More areas for kiddies to play like parks and play equipment.
99. General maintenance and extension for the primary.
100. Make it a campus.
101. Better outside areas.
102. Changing it into a campus.

103. Keep S4 and add S5, S6.
104. Play more and learn more in same time. Break 30 minutes instead of 25. Lunch 50 minutes instead of 45.
105. Keep the school open so kids don't have to travel hours a day.
106. Community campus.
107. Community campus.
108. Community campus. Pupils would get a broader education.
109. Keep the school open!! Turn it into a community campus because it's good.
110. Community campus!! Swimming lessons would be great!!!
111. More space for primary 1, 2, 3 to play and a place to sit in our stairwell.
112. Improving the classes. More sports facilities. Extend more places for pupils to hang out.
113. Not sure.
114. Improve the condition, add S5 + S6, extend the catchment.
115. My ideas are to have better sports facilities.
116. Build a swimming pool, build an Astroturf, improve S1 + S2 stairwells.
117. To improve the quality of the building.
118. Upgrade building and food.
119. Improve facilities.
120. Add more classes as well as changing the playground.
121. Just don't send us to Aberfeldy please.
122. Change catchment area, have S5+S6.
123. Having S5&6. Less walk to leisure centre if it's here! Moving the library & leisure centre to the school for everyone to use.
124. Keep it open.
125. I don't really care too much.
126. Filter out the kids who do not want to learn and improve schooling for the kids who want a good job.
127. The school's very old and needs to be rebuilt.
128. Not really any.
129. Fix a few things.
130. Having S5 & S6 here, because if you think about it there would be no big change for pupils that go here. We would still know the teachers, and they could help us, because they know what's best for us.
131. Add 5&6 year.
132. Keep school make 5/6 year. Don't move people to Breadalbane.
133. Redo it and add S5-S6.
134. 5th and 6th year. More options for subjects like Breadalbane.
135. Make a S5 and 6 in Pitlochry.
136. Don't close the school but improve it.
137. Keep original children + staff but re-vamp the school to improve the facility and add S5+S6.
138. Better facilities.
139. Make school bigger, add S5 and S6. Add facilities such as – hall for sports – library – swimming. (Kind of like Breadalbane), turn it into a campus.
140. Make it better.
141. Community campus pleaseeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.
142. Build a community campus for P1-S6.
143. Sporting stuff
144. More school classes that are not taught here.
145. Updating facilities available to pupils and giving them the best opportunities possible.
146. Make it bigger.
147. New facilities, new subjects.
148. New sports facilities! Re-decorating. Science stuff. Music facilities.
149. Add more classrooms, upgrade quality of building.
150. Get nicer classes to work in and a nicer building itself.

151. Improve facilities but keep teachers which would boost test results even further.
152. Keep the same, keep open!
153. Not got an idea.
154. No idea.
155. No ideas.
156. Don't know. Better playground?
157. Create more resources in the school. Improve areas e.g. PE departments + home economics kitchen. Increase staff to allow more after school clubs for the kids.
158. Add more playing stuff for them to have more fun.
159. Add S5+6.
160. More subject choices.
161. None.
162. Make the school a community hub by moving the main library and leisure centre along with them. This would mean that it would have a more integrated community. As well as meaning that adults can come into the school at the weekends if their children and help and support their learning.
163. Make it more modern. Swimming pool. Better facilities.
164. Improve physical conditions of the building but also extend subject choices for the school so is more choices rather than just core subjects. Fix heating – either always way to cold or to hot (same as Breadalbane Academy).
165. Get better resources (textbooks and equipment in science), improve windows and better heating.
166. It would be good as people would stay longer and enjoy school more. It would give them more opportunities.
167. Expand the social area. Improve equipment in classrooms e.g. science. Controls for heating in actual school, fix roof.
168. Fix the roof, more PE area, heating control in school not from Perth.
169. Improve the building, turn it to a campus so that the whole community can benefit from it.
170. New facilities will make things better + more enjoyable. Wider subject choices will make sure children are doing things they enjoy and will be beneficial in the future.
171. Knock the building down and build a campus in its place.
172. New resources. Better equipment. Not moving them to Breadalbane.
173. Better resources & equipment for classes.
174. More opportunities in school and out of school for all ages, especially teenagers 12-19 years old.
175. Get better equipment, fix roof, better parking, better facilities, better teachers who are committed.
176. Get more teachers in and better facilities.
177. Better facilities e.g. swimming pool.
178. Getting better equipment for sports, science and music and art. Making the heating better. Making more space so primary classes wont composited.
179. Bigger and more up to date school buildings throughout not just secondary but nursery and primary areas too. There has been little or no investment in the school buildings and facilities since I was a pupil there some 35 years ago
180. More trips
181. Needs to be upgraded and more facilities as in leisure facilities. Will hopefully generate more of an appeal for families moving to Pitlochry.
182. S1-S6 provision in Pitlochry.
183. swimming pool
184. It doesn't have to be anything ground-breaking, just improve the facilities to a good standard.
185. Closer links with communities. More programmes for community to help pupils and more opportunities for pupils to participate in community life
186. Upgrade it to help their future. Increase the catchment to give children a choice of schools and give Pitlochry more pupils so it is more of a chance to survive.

187. The school was originally built as a temporary school and was not designed as a long term option. It needs revamping and tidying up to make the school experience more enjoyable.
188. Extend to include S5 and S6. This would have made a huge difference to my time there. Moving to a new school at 15.16 years old is simply awful!
189. Every availability to make a school a place of excellency should be paramount for every school. All children are entitled to have the best education, the arts, sport and cultural experiences to develop.
190. Maintenance and expansion (it's not rocket science)
191. Send them to Breadalbane Academy and Blairgowrie High.
192. Better physical space i.e. building conditions including sports facilities, wraparound childcare, option of S5 and S6, ASN provision on site,
193. More subject choices and leisure facilities.
194. Forming a community campus with hireable spaces, swimming pool and gym would be an excellent start as well as providing more modern facilities for classroom activities- would really focus on providing great IT, science and business facilities which are the stuff of our future world.
195. The current building is dated and would benefit from refurbishment; heating is very varied in parts of the school. It goes from freezing to boiling depending on the time of year.
196. Making the school a pleasant environment to enjoy learning.
197. More leisure facilities.
198. Knock down the primary, move the primary into the secondary and in a planned manner whilst a new building is developed on the grass next to the gym, the school playing field, or the top playing field.
199. As above, see (3). To provide more for the children within a community campus, just like towns e.g. Perth/ Aberfeldy/Auchterarder/Blairgowrie all have in their towns.
200. Investment in the infrastructure and resources would attract and retain quality staff. The school should act as a hub for the extended community.
201. Build a community campus; extend the catchment area; include a 5th and 6th year - attract high calibre teaching staff. Make the school a centre of academic excellence. Encourage children to use the education facilities on offer (5th & 6th at Pitlochry) so that they continue and study at tertiary level and become the highly educated and highly skilled adults this area and this country needs. Let's progress not regress.
202. Better facilities.
203. Create a bigger school population. Increase staff with more than one subject to offer. Upgrade the building or build a new purpose built school campus with a swimming pool, tennis courts, good sports grounds, gym, hall with state of the art audio and lighting equipment. Take drastic measures to improve parking/Drop off areas.
204. Use it for more community use.
205. Rebuild/upgrade the existing Secondary.
206. Improving facilities for education (including 5th and 6th year), better choice of subjects and equipment.
207. We should be given a campus that includes activities for babies to the elderly. Our library is a joke compared to other towns, it's stuck in the 70s and is not appealing to children at all. Which is a real shame, a swimming pool and health facilities would be essential and greatly received by the whole town. After school activities and classes would be great. It would bring the whole community together, possibly offer more jobs and give kids, especially teenagers in this town hope and something to do. Because we all know bored teenagers can choose the wrong path and as it stands there is very little to do in this town, even in my day, boredom was a problem. We deserve to finally have something great for our kids.
208. To repeat, create a proper community campus - why should Aberfeldy benefit from one when it is smaller than Pitlochry?. It will give the pupils the opportunity to take part in after-school clubs and activities which currently they are unable to do, or only with a lot

of juggling time and transport logistics, and many parents are not able to drive the distance to allow them to do so.

209. Improved facilities and subject options
210. Within their local community provide the education any child in Scotland would expect.
211. Better sports facilities more liaison with local employers and companies to show what opportunities there are in Highland Perthshire more inter school cooperation to increase subject choice
212. Upgrading school and extending to 5th and 6th year to save kids having to travel up to 2 hours daily. A better leisure facility and potentially night classes from UHI offered
213. I have said this over the entire form but I think there should be links with local businesses including theatre, tourism and hospitality, and specialism in these areas. The offer of apprenticeships that work alongside school based learning, as an alternative way of training for post 15 year olds. There should be high tech facilities with opportunity for digital arts, game development, technical theatre etc. S5 and S6 to wear non-school uniform but smart clothes instead making them feel as if they have achieved and feel more adult. There should be out- of School and holiday classes in the arts, sciences and sports (may be get Y dance in to run courses). A special needs unit especially for those with autism and Dyslexia, and exam unit that is quiet for these pupils with a full online system. Where has Option 6 gone on this form that was to improve the condition rating and offer community lifelong learning?
214. All of the above!
215. Investment - safeguarding the building for future generations.
216. Increase the school roll by inclusion of S5 & S6 and extending the catchment area. Bring the fabric up to standard and enhance facilities where possible.
217. Copy Breadalbane! Library, sports facilities etc.
218. Employing permanent teachers instead of some subjects being taught solely by trainee teachers. This is not to say that trainee teachers should not be in Pitlochry, rather by working alongside a permanent teacher, the children would have familiarity and stability rather than yearly change and adjustment to a new method of teaching.
219. More careers training / advice
220. More play area, more space, more parking. Improved furnishings etc.
221. Widening community links, more creative approaches to teaching and learning, need to really improve the leisure facilities in the area and the need for ASN/nurture base. Inclusive approaches which are not just focused on academic attainment.
222. Make it a campus, s1-s6
223. As above, creating new facilities to create a community hub. Broadening the subject choices as much as possible to give our children a level playing field with those in cities thus enhancing the future potential. Utilising technology to share resources to create virtual classrooms to ensure as broad a range of subjects can be provided as possible. To enhance the availability of additional support needs to ensure pupils who require such support can remain in a normal environment with their peers and in their own community and not be segregated in different location.
224. See answer 7
225. I think the conditions of the school are adequate. There were no functions that I felt were lacking. The availability and quality of computers are also better than Breadalbane.
226. See answer to Q3
227. Improving the condition rating for the school will do a tremendous amount of good, the teachers already do such an amazing job and I would be proud to send my children to this school.
228. It depends on what is lacking to be fair
229. I can't really speak to the current situation, but what I envision for my own children as they get older is a school that offers a comprehensive package. I want them to be prepared to go to university if they choose, but also to expose them to trades and agriculture as complementary options to traditional schooling. I want the school to be involved in the local communities and vice versa. I want them to engage in outdoor

- learning where possible. I want them to be able to benefit from Gaelic medium education. I want them to be able to get involved in sport and a variety of clubs to keep them healthy and develop their interests.
230. Invest in resources, swimming / athletics etc., technology
231. This would depend on budget and priorities for the whole school which I do not know enough about.
232. Refurb/ include s5 and 6, improve campus facilities e.g. swimming pool, high tech hub, utility sports field
233. Answered above...invest in a community campus that maximises utilisation of the buildings and infrastructure by all members of the community, including children, and draws the link between life and education.
234. S5 and s6
235. Increase the school roll by, inclusion of S5 & S6 and extending the catchment area. Bring the fabric up to standard and enhance facilities where possible.
236. Maintaining the building and ensuring a high level of teaching is all that is needed to provide the children with a good experience. There are so many opportunities offered.
237. A better building and removing the uncertainty for pupils, securing their future in Pitlochry which then extends further into the community,
238. New building for Secondary and Primary both.
239. Changing it from a 4 year to a 6 year school
240. Equipping the school to be useful for more community activities. This will make the high school more of the hub of the community.
241. Having S5 & S6 added.
242. Don't know. 25 years since I was in the school.
243. Build a campus like Breadalbane.
244. I understand from the consultation meeting that repairs to the school building would not be unduly difficult or expensive. The building seems too suitable for its purpose with no structural changes needed.
245. Investing in the school so that it can continue to operate to S4.
246. Buy more modern Science classroom facilities and equipment, extend the building to include better 'social' areas for pupils during break times (use the land next to the sports hall), replace the windows, improve car parking, improve the playgrounds in Primary.
247. A campus school or a school that goes to S 6. I don't believe as adults you would consider a 2 hour commute feasible, so I don't see how you can expect children to do it and therefore something needs to be done to keep our school.
248. Build a community campus therefore having better facilities and resources, attract teachers to stay and live in the area as it could be a first class building with first class education.
249. I would like to see Pitlochry high school achieve what it deserves, what the children, teachers, parents and town of Pitlochry deserve a thriving, bigger, better equipped school for the future, include video link learning to link with other schools, open up the possibilities of schools working together rather than threatening closing down our wonderful schools in the area of north Perthshire.
250. Provide better facilities. Move library and leisure centre to one campus and enable sharing of facilities and staff. Ideally sports facilities, with evening availability to provide.
251. The obvious improvement for the school would be to extend it to S6. It is believed locally that Breadalbane High School was constructed with an intension ultimately of taking pupils from Pitlochry. However, much has changed in the intervening period. There is now a much better understanding and concern regarding of the impacts of stress on the mental health of young people. As detailed in answers to questions in this survey, there are many obvious negative consequences for pupils having to travel by bus to school, many of which increase risk to health. At the same time, the world has changed dramatically in the way that people communicate and learn. There is now every opportunity to use distance learning through electronic communications as a superb education tool. We should look at how China, the fastest developing major economy in

the world today, is currently addressing its education requirements by investing heavily in connecting dispersed rural communities by electronic communications to urban hubs, where small groups of excellent educators can teach vast numbers of students remotely across the country. Surely the issue is the same in Pitlochry, but on a much smaller scale, and should be easily addressed with a blend of local and remote teaching. A further radical change in the last decade is understanding about the scale of environmental damage that humans are causing to the planet. It is simply no longer acceptable to cause further pollution by transporting pupils unnecessarily. On that note, PKC might also consider its policies for locations of teachers to reduce carbon footprint. Dualling of the A9 will presumably bring a sharp focus on local transport issues and perhaps give further incentive to ensure that there are good distance learning options put in place quickly and coupled with adequate local support within close range of the school. The final, and perhaps most important, point is one that has not been well addressed by the survey, yet is critical. Pitlochry High School is a very good school. It does not have the best campus facilities, but it has a strong ethos, good behaviours, excellent teaching, responsive pupils, good exam results and students who excel across a wide range of sporting and community outcomes. In short, it punches well above its weight. Please do not mess it up. This appraisal has caused substantial unrest and I fear that we may lose good teachers as a consequence. Please let us build on the strengths of the school, let the pupils stay through to completion at S6, and finally address the archaic anomaly of transfer to Breadalbane.

252. Pitlochry High School needs to be brought up to a modern and precise condition offering a complete secondary education up to S6. Children should be able to start here at Nursery and continue their education right through to the end of S6 if they so wish.
253. Upgrade facilities particularly Science, Art, PE and Food and Technology. Open a multifunctional building for adults and children to utilise all day and evening. Install an Airdrome for indoor activities like football, volleyball, tennis etc. Upgrade school to offer S5 and 6.
254. Better facilities and resources, utilizing the school more in the wider community. Perhaps having a new public library inbuilt in the school similar to Aberfeldy. More sports facilities and leisure facilities.
255. A newer modern environment.
256. Give them a building to foster an interest in learning for their future.
257. Leave it alone it was doing just fine
258. High quality facilities. Provide affordable or social housing for teachers and support staff who cannot afford to rent or buy in Pitlochry. Partner with other agencies and charities who have a desire to 'bless' their communities with experience, time, or finance.
259. First and foremost for them to know the school they attend is safe from closure. That negativity impacts badly on young folk. Making the school a building that they can use in and out of school hours. Increasing the opportunities available to them, i.e. adding 5th and 6th year.
260. Up to date, purpose built classrooms. Massive upgrade in technology so as to be actually useable. Much better sports facilities. Better social areas for the pupils.
261. To make it up to 6th year so they have continuity in their education. When I went over to Aberfeldy we were looked down on and not welcomed by teachers or pupils and as far as I can understand talking to young ones it still goes on. Many pupils leave school rather than go to Aberfeldy.
262. Turn it into a campus with a community centre out door pitches a leisure centre for the school and locals to use.
263. To offer a school campus with community facilities would enhance the lives of pupils and non-pupils alike.
264. Making it an academy with academy facilities. Incorporating the live active sports facility within Pitlochry high school
265. Better facilities, for learning and for activities, the school does a great deal and achieves a lot but needs updating

266. Get the senior management to step up to the plate and actually push to see high levels of achievement - certainly more and better can be done given tiny class sizes and high levels of resources. Crack down on bullying which has pushed many individual to change schools as well. Provide better access to extracurricular activities, particularly more support for those attending activities in central locations (as currently often excludes working class pupils, both due to activity and transport costs, and lack of transport options). Improve building quality so school feels valued
267. Make it better. Upgrade the facilities why can't we have a campus inclusive of a leisure centre, pool etc. We need better provisions not less!!! More needs to be done for our wonderful children.
268. Investment. Now. Don't let a school roll drop any further by pushing for our people to support other investments you have made in another town (Aberfeldy). Don't ignore that this review has been an influence on why the Pitlochry High School Roll has dropped. Don't expect people to move to an area or send their children to a school where the facilities are inferior to those that so many others enjoy. Leisure facilities, a campus with a spacious community library, specialist additional support need provision, S5 and S6, remote learning and enhanced subject choice - don't discriminate against our children and community by not providing that which others have. It is time for Pitlochry to have long overdue Council spending come its way.
269. Well for a start instead of leaving them in what was a temporary building....build them a proper school!
270. Build a campus
271. Improving the facilities with co-location of Library and leisure facilities do they get the benefits they would get at other campus schools?
272. Make it more up to date with better facilities.
273. Invest, Rebuild, create a modern school to be proud of
274. Create campus similar to Breadalbane which has great facilities.
275. The children need a modern innovative learning environment; the status quo is not a sustainable option. Inclusion of S5 and S6 is necessary and this can be done through innovative techniques already proven and used elsewhere. Creating the option for our children to have an uninterrupted education from nursery through to S5 & S6 secondary education would be a huge improvement for the children and ensure each child needs are met without additional time and stress of travelling to another town and school not to mention the immeasurable benefits that the presence of S5 and S6 "student role models" will bring to the school. This has got to be the best option to 'Get It Right for Every Child'.
276. We need to create a stable, modern and innovative learning environment for children which encourages and enables them to learn and makes learning enjoyable. Making the school the hub for the community would strengthen the community as a whole and give children a stronger pathway to community and citizenship by delivering a sense of value.
277. Firstly, provide a full secondary department. Other improvement should include (1) Increase the range of subjects - with modern technology it should not be difficult for a single teacher to have a class spread over several sites - UHI was doing that in the 1980s; (2) improve access to after-school activities for pupils from outside Pitlochry - at present, I understand they have to pay if they use a later bus to get home, and some can't get home if they don't use the school transport.
278. Renovate the buildings whilst increasing to S5 and S6. This would create a more diverse community within the school and increase the opportunities for pupils of all ages.
279. Improved school teams (sports, academic) and out of school facilities.
280. New community campus as mentioned above.
281. Diversifying the local economy from a grassroots level. Working with business and community groups. Better equipped/ funded campus. Utilising local knowledge. Giving the learners a voice in this process.

282. Having a S5 and S6 would definitely improve the school for children as they wouldn't have to go through break in S4 which can be disadvantaging for some. Improving the condition and increasing facilities - adding better sports facilities as well.
 283. Include S5 & S6. Digital learning.
 284. More distance learning. More links with other schools. Sharing specialist skills. Higher expectations. Better sports facilities. Multi-purpose community campus.
 285. A campus with up to date facilities that many other areas have giving more opportunity for the children to experience a wider range of subjects & interests, Swimming pool which is much needed in the community.
 286. 1) Keep it local. 2) Up the occupancy through adding S5 & S6 & possibly widening the catchment. 3) Increase community engagement, both volunteering & job related.
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11) What are your ideas for improving the school for the community?

Comments

1. Improve the building. Move Live Active up there and make the school a community hub. Adding leisure facilities at the school will make it far more appealing to attend Pitlochry school.
2. Make it the “hub”. Library, leisure centre, gym, outdoor facilities, football pitch, tennis, swimming pool etc.
3. Lack of investment in social housing has contributed to the situation. “Affordable” homes become 2nd homes or purchased for e.g. hotel stuff.
4. The school is well used by community and this would increase if wider availability were added and more facilities for the wider community.
5. All weather pitch. Most other senior schools have one.
6. Combine library, technology, leisure and education. Small class sizes generate brilliant, imaginative and educated pupils. If combined, the community has a hub. Tackles isolation and loneliness in all ages.
7. The school is pretty good and children are appreciated for the help they give in all sorts of community involvement.
8. The town needs a proper community hub – for evening classes, community events, sports facilities, swimming pool.
9. Move library, sports area and a decent community hub to the school. Other towns have this – why can't we?
10. Need a community hub for all ages to access and join in with and bring more families to live here.
11. If there is unused space in Breadalbane and/ or Pitlochry why not use it for FE and with NG with Perth College or UHI. Similar to what is happening Dumfries and Galloway.
12. Make the school available for local organisations and community projects to use. The current library is only open limited hours. This could be increased. School could be used for lifelong learning open to all ages.
13. Wraparound Childcare, ASN Provision, Community Centre including leisure facilities.
14. Adding a swimming pool. Most other senior schools have one (was original phase 4).
15. Currently school-community relationship is excellent with community invited to coffee mornings for Fairtrade, some member coming to help with extracurricular activities etc.
16. Children should have their school where they live until they decide to go further in uni or not.
17. If the money could be found option 6 the campus solution – would transform the school as a community resource.
18. So far all improvement to primary and nursery have been very good. Just keep up the good work.
19. Pitlochry High/ Primary School needs a campus and better after school facilities.
20. Pitlochry needs a community hub. This could be achieved with a proper secondary school building.
21. Increase provisions – playgroup; wraparound childcare; clubs, activities for all ages.
22. I don't think the library should be moved to the school as it would be more difficult for the elderly to access it.
23. Leisure facilities, childcare options.
24. Pitlochry needs a campus which incorporates library, sports, meeting rooms and other facilities where people of the community can meet and join be young or old.
25. Pitlochry High School would be a lot better with 5th & 6th year added. It's hard to be at school from nursery then have to move to Aberfeldy for 5th & 6th year.
26. Investment is needed to improve facilities such as leisure, social activities and amenities. We need S1-6 here in Pitlochry. It is a bad time in education to move children.

27. Spend your £2.9million on improving it! Rather than wasting your time and money on this consultation. How much is this costing you by the way?!
28. A new school, moving library, sports hall within. Other town get this why can't we.
29. Spend money on a new campus or on original school.
30. After school activities that are affordable. Link in with voluntary agency/ charities who exist/ desire to involve people in their services – church.
31. Need a proper community hub for all residents of Pitlochry. Pitlochry always seems to be the “poor relation.”
32. A hub for distance learning. College courses, UHI courses, Open University.
33. Keep the school role at a local level to ensure all levels up to S6 are accommodated.
34. Links with Pitlochry High S. & P. Festival Theatre could reinforce youth development in the arts. A senior secondary would be vital.
35. School and community very much dependent on each other.
36. Extend the curriculum to include music, drama and the arts.
37. Total community needs to be invested in to attract more school (secondary) pupils
38. A good school attracts people to the catchment area. People talk about the new community campus in P&K and how welcoming they are and user friendly. Pitlochry was built (quickly) mid 70's and still looks and feels of that era. Pitlochry needs and deserves its own community campus.
39. Investing in a school Pitlochry can be proud of. This would attract young families to the area.
40. Study building plans in Pitlochry to see what effect this will have on pupil numbers.
41. Pitlochry theatre wants to build a second performance space. Why not set Pitlochry high school as a performing arts academy and build this venue at the school. The theatre could hire the venue while the school could provide S5 & S6 pupils to staff area under supervision.
42. Open areas. Café/ community space. Meeting space. Records library.
43. Keep the high school. Keep the community spirit alive.
44. More facilities in one place for the use of all: library; climbing wall; swimming pool; café/ coffees; adult learning.
45. Perth College/ UHI links. Perth College has been most notable in its absence in Pitlochry in comparison to other P&K towns. Could they invest in an outreach centre within a Pitlochry High School Campus?
46. Invest in the whole community. Revise the occupancy of the building in option 6. Creative industries/ links to the theatre and other industries.
47. Encourage UHI to develop new course hosted in Pitlochry area e.g. Drama/ music associated with PFT e.g. Biology > Fisheries Lab.
48. A community campus is required.
49. Library and Live Active. Chance to get a coffee with friends. Make more accessible to all.
50. More subject choices and more facilities.
51. Include council services and a swimming pool.
52. Install a wraparound care provision.
53. The education in Pitlochry school is second to none. Don't close it.
54. In secondary create a broader range of subjects, offer that staff incentives and reassurances to stay, that their jobs are safe so they don't leave. Make PHS a drop in central hub for the community to develop both adult and child education classes from birth to 100!
55. Develop campus to include sports facilities, library etc.
56. Leisure, sport, library, town offices – better pre-school provision; school to become even more important as the hub of the town!
57. Move library to school, build facilities for whole community to use.
58. A community campus with library, sports facilities, and adult education classes.
59. Stronger links with the theatre; Arts specialism; Special need provision and advice for parents groups; evening classes in Arts, theatre, music; Fully equipped library with a Pitlochry archive.

60. More facilities for pupils and community to use. E.g. swimming pool that was promised when my parents went to school here!!
61. Option 6!
62. Option 6!
63. Option 6 again!
64. Less drug usage as there is entertainment for young people with opt 6.
65. Co-location of library etc. would aid community use and building viability.
66. Option 6.
67. A community campus with extra nursery, child-care to allow school to fulfil its potential to be the heart of Pitlochry.
68. Allocate more funds to improving the school.
69. Somewhere for children with additional needs. The current situation sees children travelling to Perth. This is crazy. Introducing support for these pupils in Pitlochry is ideal as it is central. Nurture care facilities would also be of great advantage.
70. 'Campus' available to offer educational + recreational facilities for all ages – improved nursery/primary space too. Keep S1-S6 locally to maintain the sense of community. Improve sports facilities for school + public users.
71. Campus type to be used for everyone.
72. The school could be used as community hub – activities for older adult's e.g. social groups or chair based exercises.
73. It needs to be made into a campus + offer the same facility to all local communities similar to Aberfeldy.
74. The school should be used as a community hub. Activities for all ages, even add some decent leisure facilities. A place for young + old to use.
75. More activities for all age groups. More libraries in school.
76. More activities on offer for all ages.
77. My ideas would be to include the school in things that are going on in Pitlochry like every class should get free tickets to the enchanted forest.
78. Add a campus for the community.
79. Make more drop-in sessions! And also raise money for the school funds.
80. To make it bigger.
81. I think the diney should be bigger I also think we should be able to wear our own clothes.
82. I do not have any.
83. Have a community library & swimming pool.
84. Add leisure facilities for the community.
85. I want to.
86. Shops, cheaper houses and more attractions.
87. Toilets/ water fountains.
88. None.
89. Don't have any.
90. Maybe more and bigger space in secondary.
91. I think if we were to improve the school I would want more sporting facilities to use.
92. I think we should open some days like community cafes and themed days to bring in more community.
93. Better catchment outside the school and a bigger school to get more people.
94. Make a pool somewhere.
95. I think add a swimming pool.
96. We could have a... community library; swimming pool; sports courts.
97. Make it look nice because it is very dull it needs colours.
98. Community campus.
99. Community campus. It would bring the community together! "Together at last, together forever."
100. ?
101. I would raise money by doing a sale (baking) in the town.
102. That could be good because it might make more people come to the school.

103. I don't know.
104. It is good because younger siblings will get a better education.
105. I think if we get more school trips we can give the community better chances to make money and they could help us learn about their jobs.
106. I don't know.
107. Raise money so it can stay open.
108. For a bigger school.
109. I don't know.
110. Add better stuff.
111. Swimming pool, forthite room, special room for help more.
112. I just think we should make it more community friendly.
113. Make new and bigger and better school.
114. Make it bigger.
115. Making it bigger.
116. Don't close down the school.
117. Get a better school.
118. Community campus.
119. Community campus.
120. I think a campus would be a good idea so there is a café for the public and a swimming pool.
121. S5 and S6 maybe.
122. More events, meet up's, parents nights, council meetings.
123. Make it a campus.
124. Campus + S5/S6.
125. Nothing because it's perfect.
126. Have a community campus so we have all the facility and get more people to Pitlochry.
127. Community campus – better facilities, attract people.
128. Community campus.
129. Community campus – it would bring the community together.
130. Community campus.
131. Community campus!
132. Security cameras around. An extra club at the weekend at school or leisure centre at the town hall.
133. Adding on a small campus.
134. Well the school is pretty good for that.
135. Improve the condition of PHS, add S5 + S6, extend the catchment.
136. My ideas are to add a climbing wall in and an adult gym.
137. To improve the quality of the building.
138. Give more back to the parents.
139. Don't close the school, Pitlochry would become empty.
140. I don't know.
141. Don't shut it down and we will all be ding dandy #greatsuccess.
142. Have a campus.
143. Moving the library & leisure centre to the school for everyone to use.
144. Be nearer to a university.
145. Don't know.
146. More facilities closer to the school, for easier access.
147. The school's very old and needs to be rebuilt.
148. If people still had to move from Pitlochry to Breadalbane if there could be a later bus as well because the bus to Pitlochry doesn't allow the students to go to study groups or after school clubs.
149. I don't have any ideas.
150. Having S5&S6 here.
151. Maybe get more teachers.
152. Pupils who live near don't have to move to Breadalbane do S5-S6.

153. Pupils who live here have to travel to Breadalbane early in the morning.
154. Make it into a S5 and S6 secondary school.
155. A community campus would fulfil this role.
156. Possibly add library + leisure centre up here = community campus.
157. S5 + S6?
158. The Promised Land?
159. Make it even better. Also that campus. That'd help.
160. More teaching jobs.
161. Build a community campus in Pitlochry it would be helpful for the whole community. Please.
162. Community campus x 1000
163. Tearing down the school to fully improve the buildings features and build a modern school and include a public gym.
164. Making it more open to community and further securing the links we have with local organisations and services in and around Pitlochry.
165. Adult education.
166. Swimming pool for lessons/community use. Track/astro turf.
167. Having public recreational areas like a pool.
168. Improve building.
169. Take the leisure centre + library etc. and make the school a hub for the community.
170. S5 S6
171. Adding a campus for extracurricular activities.
172. Add a campus.
173. The S5 and 6 goes to Pitlochry High School.
174. Make small community parts in the building (like a small campus).
175. Create almost a campus. Open school library for longer to allow public/pupils to read/study in a quiet place.
176. Make it bigger give them some more subjects to choose from.
177. Add a community campus similar to the one in Aberfeldy.
178. Nothing.
179. Make it a campus for everyone.
180. Make the school a community hub by moving the library, leisure centre and gym into the school which would create a more closely linked community.
181. Would make more people move here.
182. Integrate the community assets and use more and get the school involved more in the community 'life'.
183. The school already does a lot for the community and don't need to do more.
184. It would encourage more families to move to the area which would increase the number of pupils within the school.
185. Get heating in the school not Perth. Improve technology in the school.
186. Work experiences, YPI, performing became more meaningful and recognised in community. Public facilities will get more use of at school e.g. gym.
187. Increase catchment areas to increase flow of people in and around Pitlochry.
188. More events?
189. Do more activities in the school.
190. Include a variety of activities involving the whole community. Less tourist based involvement as Pitlochry is stranding the community's children and actively making people leave.
191. Get the community involved in everything.
192. The schools could host better events.
193. Making it more of a campus like Breadalbane Academy.
194. Create a campus style building such as has been done in Aberfeldy Crieff Blairgowrie Kinross and Perth
195. More evening use
196. Better facilities and more upmarket.

197. More upper school pupils being involved in community initiatives.
198. community events
199. Better and more accessible sports facilities. Growing up in the area I always felt there were limited options, and had to play youth football in Aberfeldy as there wasn't any other options nearer.
200. Community campus with more access for locals both through day and in evening.
201. Bring the community together more by improving it, making it bigger and bringing the library to it.
202. Incorporating services such as the library and live active like what has been done at so many schools nearby, including Aberfeldy, would allow integration of the community and the school to a greater extent than what already exists. It would also facilitate after school activities to help further enhance pupils' school experience.
203. A community library would be a great addition. I could see it being well used.
204. Uses for night school, learn a new skill, academic subjects to improve their possibilities.
205. As 6.
206. Replacing it with a "Community Campus" with leisure facilities.
207. Bring multiple facilities under one roof e.g. library and leisure facilities
208. Community campus would be fantastic, making the school the heart of the community for all, not just those families with school aged children. Meeting rooms, youth club, wraparound childcare, leisure facilities, swimming pool.
209. Making it accessible to all for use of its facilities.
210. As above; excluding the theatre which caters to a certain type of audience, for entertainment I'd look to Aberfeldy for its brilliant cinema, Birman for a fantastic arts centre or if I had to, Perth- but it's a long drive and ideally I'd stay very local indeed. A decent swimming pool, studios and gym facilities would be fantastic perhaps there might even be a space for film screenings /concerts /exhibitions? Pitlochry really needs to stop relying on its pretty face and develop a great core where local interests are served well- redeveloping the school would play a huge part in this and act as a magnet to the town for new residents- sustainability is what it's about.
211. More facilities in hands on experiences and sporting
212. Community Campus with integrated leisure facilities e.g. a swimming pool encouraging the wider community to use the building and be aware of what is happening in the school.
213. Moving Pitlochry's public library into the school.
214. As above see (3).
215. As above.
216. Build a community campus. This community needs this facility.
217. Improvements to the facilities available would increase use of the school by the community and would encourage contact with the students.
218. As above
219. Incorporate an improved leisure centre into the school (in line with Breadalbane) and offer more evening adult learning and other leisure pursuits.
220. Sports facilities. After school facilities. Keep it open.
221. Develop community facilities such as library, provision for adult classes etc.
222. Multiple uses for the community with additional leisure activities, the ability to increase the options and scope of activities to be enjoyed by everyone.
223. Increase availability of the improved facilities for community use
224. Yes, Pitlochry High School building needs some work, but fundamentally it is appropriate for use.
225. Make it a community hub / space links with local businesses as above
226. As above
227. I believe there should be parent support groups for those with special needs and input from health visitors, including sleep and eating clinics. Opportunities for adult lifelong learning and clubs, involvement of the older members of the community (including the nursery). Involving the theatre but also using the grounds and gardens as an opportunity

- for lifelong learning. Hold community clubs and summer schools. Where has Option 6 gone on this form that was to improve the condition rating and offer community lifelong learning?
228. As in question 3, I have always promoted the idea of creating a community 'school/pod' which includes recreational facilities, library, council buildings etc. This keeps everything together and promotes positive relationships.
229. Including areas within the school building for local groups, meeting rooms for hire and a cafe/self-serve hub.
230. Better use of the buildings, evening classes, perhaps involve UHI, renting out school halls etc. for fees for kids birthday parties, weddings etc.
231. Make it a community hub like Breadalbane to attract people to the town.
232. Providing a good school with a 5th and 6th year will prove more attractive to incoming families and also local families to stay in the area.
233. Apply lessons learned from Breadalbane community school
234. Could be community campus with rooms for clubs, library, gym etc.
235. Needs to have a community campus which offers informal learning opportunities for the community - library is really poor in Pitlochry. Small, poor stock and shockingly poor opening hours. Def needs an upgrade and community links increased - esp. for those on the margins.
236. Make it a campus
237. Bringing together library and sports and leisure facilities with a café to bring the school back fully into the community - allowing members of the community a place to meet together and share knowledge and values. Providing a venue for community events to which all the community can feel they are welcomed to.
238. Create a school for all age children and within the building have facilities and meeting places for the community to use. Gym, swimming pool, library (for shared use with school and community),
239. I think there is no need to improve what is already a lovely school which plays a pivotal role in the community.
240. See answer to Q2
241. Maybe a community campus would be a good option.
242. It may be an idea to do work placements in local businesses or organisations (forest commission, butchers, hospitals, banks, etc.). Volunteerism in the local community could be integrated into the curriculum. Gaelic medium education could aid in keeping local storytelling and oral history alive, and could help engage local older people.
243. Adding more community services to school as a community hub (see above)
244. as above
245. Answered above.
246. Make it a campus like other new schools elsewhere in Perthshire
247. Better use of the buildings, evening classes, perhaps involve UHI, renting out school halls etc. for fees for kids birthday parties, weddings etc.
248. The opportunities offered at the school allow the children to contribute to the community. Opening it up to the public, e.g. for coffee mornings, means it really is a centre for the town.
249. As mentioned before try to increase the usage of the school for all age groups within the community from nursery provision to senior citizen clubs
250. Retain the excellent relationships that the school has established with the community. The school building also provides a service for other activities outside the normal school day e.g. a meeting venue and the excellent large availability of courses now being offered by the Adult Education which are held in the school building, using the many facilities offered by the school.
251. Swimming pool as part of a community campus.
252. Same as above
253. Offer more outside of school activities run by different areas of the community. I.e. art/dance/acting/joinery/building/child and adult learning workshops.

254. Having S5 & S6 added
255. Campus. Childcare, after school clubs.
256. It could be promoted more as a venue for community events e.g. the main hall is excellent for large meetings and concerts. The school is already much involved in the community e.g. school community cafe.
257. Investing in the school so that it can continue to operate to S4.
258. A bigger area for a Play Group (babies and toddlers) to use.
259. The community needs a high school, it's vital if you are to attract families into the area and keep them.
260. By having a community campus it allows the public/community to feel further involved in the school. By having the library in the school, put on evening classes and open spaces which people can utilise for their own benefit and potentially beneficial for the town. If a community campus was built and incorporated great leisure facilities, this could massively improve the economic situation of Pitlochry. If a swimming pool was built, it would be the only public only use one in the town. Other small swimming pools are available in hotels within Pitlochry, but not like a public pool. Adds more jobs to the area, improves social lives and a great addition to an already great town. It also could have a great positive impact on people's hobbies, allowing further social interaction and ability to go further with leisure interests.
261. As detailed above and also the community needs Pitlochry high school to survive and the school needs the community in return. A lot of unseen work goes on which is not given credit. The fabulous parent council work incredibly hard within the community and therefore this is seen within the achievements of the school and school children and the wider community.
262. Sharing of facilities to provide space for older members of community to meet, take part in activities, build up inter- generational relationships. There is enough will in the community to provide volunteers to support this, but rather than being piecemeal across multiple sites, it could be co-ordinated.
263. Upgrade Pitlochry School to provide education from nursery through to S6. Make the campus a focus for wider community activities and aggregate PKC services on site. The school should be at the hub of the community and strengthen the economy and culture of the town. Given the current size of the population there is clearly a need to modernise and maintain breadth in education provision through distance learning. The wider community could also benefit from such facilities and PKC could investigate whether there are associated commercial opportunities, such as through education tourism. Local businesses and organisations need good, reliable education provision to enable them to attract and maintain staff. This review of school provision could be the catalyst for a positive change through investment in the school to set Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire on a very positive trajectory going forward.
264. The school needs to remain at the centre of the community and all links must be protected for future generations for the benefit of all.
265. These two questions are connected and interchangeable. If there is no school there is no community.
266. Incorporating a library, cafe, community hub, swimming pool, and leisure resources into the school so the wider community can make more use of it. This is severely lacking in Pitlochry.
267. A campus would be great like Aberfeldy, the community coming into the school more
268. Continue to encourage the support you have obviously generated when this "threat" reared its head.
269. New artificial surface on football field
270. Make the school a campus where our children can enjoy their education from nursery to S6. Create meaningful partnerships with the Pitlochry Festival Theatre creating a creative arts stream second to none in Perth & Kinross. Partner with local firms to offer modern day apprenticeships so our young people remain in the local area contributing to its development and future.

271. As previously discussed, it is at the heart of the community and without it, I hate to think how detrimental that would be. Enhance the facilities so that the whole community can use it.
272. New purpose built campus like Breadalbane with leisure facilities and library. The live active premises in Pitlochry are a disgrace. Also community meeting areas. The current council offices in Pitlochry could be moved to a new build too.
273. It could be made into a lovely hub of the community by moving the library and leisure centre up to the school. It is also way past time there was a swimming pool in Pitlochry. It has been on the cards since the Dam was built.
274. That it becomes a hub, a community facility.
275. As above including a swimming pool
276. Extending the buildings, enough space, improving sport facilities, making it a community college, endless really just needs the will.
277. Make the spaces more accessible for evening use of clubs/classes
278. A campus.
279. As above. What applies to and affects our children applies to and affects our community as well. That is what community is. Many residents of Pitlochry have no direct link to the school, however they recognise and understand the crucial part it plays in keeping our town balanced and ALIVE!
280. Same as above.....like Breadalbane make it part of the community.
281. Do the same thing as in Aberfeldy, why a school in Aberfeldy was able to do campus, but Pitlochry the richest town on Perthshire has to go through all this?
282. Community Campus with facilities.
283. Build a community campus similar to Breadalbane. It would be used. There is nothing like that in the Pitlochry area. For example, who wants to go to work out in an out dated live active gym that overlooks a chip shop! Give the community something they can be proud of and use for all types of event.
284. As 6.
285. As above, a similar campus better integrates the community with the school.
286. Combine the services that make sense to combine with investment in the school. Continuing and extending secondary education provision in Pitlochry will make the town more attractive for families to make the move and provide the town with much needed resource.
287. As above - a school / community hub delivers 2 way benefits.
288. Invest in science. Open talks with the Open University to hold evening classes for science courses in the school where learners can learn in a science class room the practical skills needed to progress further in their careers by developing transferable skills. Invest in community led skills development in practical subjects such as cookery classes or wood working and technical skills. This would be an excellent use of the facilities which would have real benefits to the local community.
289. Allow access to facilities for general public.
290. New community campus in the heart of the community. This is the time!
291. Better facilities. Booking facilities centralised. Better rates you need 8x bookings to qualify for a discount. If secondary closes our AEA group will not have access to same facilities e.g. kitchen for evening baking & cooking classes.
292. Having a community campus such as they have in many schools, where the community could use the facilities would be great and would be very well used.
293. Include council services - make it more of a hub.
294. A swimming pool, library, sports facilities like there is in Aberfeldy. Allow the building to be used by the entire community.
295. Swimming pool - all ages can use promoting exercise. Which would benefit everyone of any age. Maybe have areas within the school that older people with skills can come in to show the children, helping with projects, involving older people can help with encouraging them to get out and about and have a purpose in the community and pass on their knowledge - help with loneliness!!

12) Do you have any other comments?

Comments

1. Children get bullied when they move schools and nothing is done about it.
2. You need to explain why Bertha Park is being built 20mins from here...Lack of 3 bed houses. This is horrible but families are waiting for people to die to buy a house.
3. The school is part of the 1140 nursery trial, surely this will encourage more families to come to the area with pre-school children. Don't get rid of secondary because of this as one day the bubble will burst and there won't be space at Breadalbane!
4. The dualling of the A9 will make work access to Perth, Dundee etc. even easier and thus open up opportunities for families to combine the benefit of rural living and a super place to bring up children with easy access to city employment.
5. If Pitlochry High School was not here it would tear the heart out of the community. There will be more retired residents and less families!
6. Housing! Never increase school role unless more affordable homes.
7. The loss of Pitlochry HS will have a huge impact on local community with Pitlochry becoming a retirement town. The town needs families for a healthy balanced community.
8. I still object the removal of Pitlochry any child the move Pitlochry. Because of the travelling time.
9. I am concerned of the investment in the Perth area i.e. Berth Park will have a negative effect on rural Perthshire. Including school occupancy levels.
10. Adding the Kinloch Rannoch School kids to the PHS secondary would be a better option. Why do the need to go to Breadalbane, surely PHS is easier to get to, especially in winter.
11. I feel that Perth is receiving all the help and Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire been forgotten about. Pitlochry primary lost out on a new school because of Perth High. They are also having Bertha Park too! What about up here. Build affordable housing and improve Pitlochry High School and add S5 & S6 and encourage people to move here.
12. Expecting 12 year olds to get on a bus for over an hour to start the day is cruel. Pupils travelling from outside Pitlochry travel for over 2 hours a day (leaving and returning in the dark during Autumn/Winter) to get to Aberfeldy. This cannot be good for their wellbeing or education. If you can choose options to avoid this why wouldn't you. This is about children! Not political agendas.
13. 1) You will kill local economy. 2) You will leave the town empty of families. 3) You need to provide facilities as Council taxis at a premium here with no return.
14. We need to bring more people to the area as people are to moving here because of the lack of services/ provisions for young families.
15. If you are bussing children long distances then families will move out exacerbate the depopulation of highland Perthshire.
16. Bussing children will deprive the children of after-school activities, recreation and their connection with the local community.
17. Travelling long distances by bus is expensive because children bully on busses and environmentally wrong.
18. It is time to award the people of Pitlochry with a school that is something to be proud of. Between Kirkmichael, Blair Atholl and other near small places there should be enough children to have a shorter day for school.
19. Pitlochry, as a rural town, deserves not only to retain its secondary school but it should have equal opportunities or our local children as those who live in Aberfeldy, which is just as rural – should be equally treated.
20. Do maths + sums.
21. Please provide an up to date facility for the whole community. Swimming pool/ sports facilities/ library/ S5/6 provision. This would increase population and enhance school occupancy. And wrap around care please.

22. What happens to Dunkeld pupils if Pitlochry closes? No wraparound care – solutions required. What about travel sick children?
23. Reduce the commuter rail fares to allow residents to travel to Perth for work at comparable cost to Glasgow/ Edin. Hinterland.
24. From a very happy parent – 2 boys who have been at Pitlochry primary and high school – now I very good occupations – thanks to the good education they received in their own community.
25. This is an amazing school which meets the children's educational and well-being needs brilliantly. Please value the education and social experience our children get home that Breadalbane can't provide.
26. Good ideas are combined w bad ones. +) extended hours in nursery to help parents back into work. -) No after school care on holiday. -) No full secondary provisions. People will leave if no proper education system in place.
27. Transfer from Pitlochry to Breadalbane excludes kids from certain afterschool activities > not part of the community.
28. If the school was closed and everyone moved to Aberfeldy. The roads/ transport upgrades long-term would also be very costly.
29. No affordable housing > build school numbers will increase > people will be attracted to community > other services will benefit > tourist trade, hospital/ medical staffing > teaching/ small industries/ earners.
30. Future of Logierait/ Grandtully will have a knock on effect for Pitlochry. These need to go ahead together, not independently.
31. Huge push for Pitlochry kids to utilise the extra curc activities but no transport provided for XX of school attendance therefore parents having to pay. Free travel for all pupils should be provided.
32. My XXXXX went to 5 & 6th yr. @ Breadalbane. XXXXX hated it XXXXX said they were always the outsiders and that was how teachers treated them. XXXXX did one week of 6th yr. and decided to do college.
33. Higher carbon emissions if the school closes with more pupils travelling longer distances to school. Children less healthy due to long commutes to school.
34. Forfar Angus had all their schools rebuilt primary and Academy. Longforgan (Perthshire) is to be rebuilt. Who decides that Pitlochry High School is not worth keeping open.
35. Increased absence noticed in my children as soon as they started attending Breadalbane. Travel time, travel sickness, sore heads, tiredness.
36. Transition pupils to Breadalbane arrive already on the back foot with teachers having started teaching the Breadalbane pupils a month and not offering or providing any support to the Pitlochry pupils to catch up.
37. Good for pupils t be able to walk to school if at all possible. Less risk of obesity.
38. There are already not enough key staff members choosing not to live in Pitlochry.
39. What will the cost be to run all those additional buses from Pitlochry? Where are the buses and employers coming from?
40. Where is the environmental thought in putting more buses on the roads, what are they not focussing on the education rather than always cutting costs but Perth gets everything? Keep the school open!
41. Your process for this gathering opinions is flawed. Your information is poor and focussed on poor assumptions – gathering options before providing information is useless.
42. Please listen to the people of Pitlochry and don't close our school. Surely you must have other options to consider before such a drastic measure like closure of PHS.
43. Already hard to attract essential workers e.g. nursing staff to the area. Closing the school will make this even more difficult.
44. Education provision – this should have been the heart of the discussion. Quality provision at Pitlochry V. Good. See results/ insights, ELAV/ term visits etc.
45. Why is this discussion not focussed on our children's education?
46. I fail to understand why some areas can build all new schools both primary and high school/ Academy and we can't get our one and only school improved for the better.

47. Changing schools after S4 was the worst idea and has made my life/ mental health significantly worse. No moving school for S5 & 6.
48. Go PHS.
49. Each of the local schools should have a specialism i.e. Pitlochry: theatre, music; Logierait: Insects and Butterflies; Breadalbane: Rural studies linked with universities, Geography etc.
50. House of Bruar is expanding all the time with several hundred staff. The theatre is also expanding. This must be taken into account in forward projections.
51. This long drawn out process is very unsettling for pupils – and parents – and must be very hard for school employees.
52. School roll has dropped because of this long rumour fuelled process. People with families are not moving to Pitlochry.
53. An idea – would council official get on a bus on a winter mornings from the furthest point and experience the journey?
54. How will we get children and families to stay – if we close the schools!!!
#handsupforPitlochryhighschool.
55. The projections of school roll in PHS does not include any significant increase for new housing. However areas are allocated for housing. The council official said that after economic downturn, housebuilders are only building to order. Has the same assumption been made when considering viability of Bertha Park and all current Perth high schools? This needs relooked at.
56. Everything starts with the need for affordable housing which encourages families to the area rather than central belt.
57. Do not close Pitlochry High School!!! It is ridiculous!!!
58. If the school closes the realisation is we will relocate. I won't have my daughter traveling 2.5 hours a day to a school which I frankly do not rate!!
59. The realisation of the matter is if you close the school we would seriously consider moving out of the area. I don't want my children travelling 3 hours a day to high school!
60. Close school – destroy community – lose young families – become an aging community – travel extends school day greatly (I travelled) – eats into family time + study time. A good school is priceless + an investment to the future.
61. Children that live in extremely rural locations, (if Pitlochry was to close the high school) would have considerably further to travel, morning + night. It could not be good for their education, they would become extremely tired.
62. Class is better. Small is better, staff know you + parents + you can't hide. When at Pitlochry never got away with anything – father knew dead quick. At Aberfeldy got away with blue murder – father never heard a whisper.
63. It is important to me that staffing + resources are put in place to support children with additional support needs – travel time would also have an adverse effect on children with ASN – anxiety – fatigue.
64. Closing the school will destroy Pitlochry + even more so the smaller villages in the area. If the school closes we would definitely move from the area + I cannot believe we would be the only family – what happens to the communities – they need young people to keep them going.
65. Would the school (in each class) be able to have an electric fire and log burners or fires including chimneys! Can our school have a week where you can bring your pets into school!!!!!!
66. No.
67. Just do not shut the school! Upgrade and improve to make it better.
68. Nothing, apart from closing the school would break my heart.
69. Put more things to play with in the playground.
70. No I do not!
71. Bring your pet to school week.
72. No.
73. No.

74. No!
75. No, just no comments.
76. No.
77. I really do not want the school to shut down.
78. No.
79. No comments.
80. Don't have any.
81. No.
82. Don't have one.
83. Stop being stupid idiots and don't knock down our school.
84. Please help save our school!!!
85. ?
86. Don't shut the school!!!! I don't want to move to another school!!!
87. No.
88. Do not shout the school is.
89. No comments.
90. No comments.
91. If we are in secondary and they chose Breadalbane will we move there?
92. No.
93. More people move over to Pitlochry for a bigger school.
94. I don't know.
95. Just fix the school up.
96. Don't know.
97. Nope!
98. No.
99. No.
100. No.
101. No.
102. Nope.
103. No.
104. No sorry.
105. Options in order of best to least – best for me: 1, 3, 2, 4, 5.
106. No.
107. Do option 2 please.
108. Change the school into a campus.
109. Make the inside and outside of building modern like Breadalbane.
110. If you knock us down we will get back up again.
111. Turn the school into a community campus.
112. Make the school a community campus!!!!
113. Turn the school into a community campus.
114. If you knock us over we will get right back up again.
115. Why shut our school when you could add S5 and S6, none of us want to go to Breadalbane because we like this school.
116. Please don't close the school, thank you.
117. Definitely not option 5.
118. Please, please, please don't close Pitlochry High School!!!
119. If I were to choose an option it would be option 2.
120. Don't shut the school it is perfect as it is.
121. Don't shut the school! Do up the school.
122. Just that the school should stay open cos I think it's a better school and it has better grades than Feldy.
123. Make Pitlochry S5 and S6.
124. Don't close the school, Pitlochry wouldn't be the same without it.
125. No.

126. Yes. If you send us to Aberfeldy then our brains will slowly be turned to mush due to their 'education' they force upon you.
127. No!
128. No.
129. I want to succeed in life, therefore I value my education and Breadalbane is not the place.
130. Please don't close the school because that would be devastating.
131. Nope ☺
132. Also, imagine how many jobs would be lost if the school closed?
133. No.
134. Make the school to 5th - 6th year with the same options as Breadalbane.
135. Make it into a S5 and S6 secondary school.
136. No.
137. Well I suppose if you include this comment then yes, but otherwise no. (Actually there's this: I hope you actually take our opinions and evaluate them properly as it's our age range that it will affect, not yours!).
138. No.
139. Yes, check xxxxx in Feldy.
140. It would be nice to have games on the computers, for example CSGO, COD, Minecraft, Robolsc, Overwatch, Friday the 13th: the game and dead by daylight.
141. I don't want to go to Feldy and my IQ to decrease below 120 sorry.
142. I don't want to go to Breadalbane its bad exam mark wise and the travelling is quite long there to school and back. Pitlochry is better.
143. Don't close the school as the bus does not allow for extra-curricular activities in Breadalbane.
144. This school has provided me with many great experiences and opportunities and I want these to continue on for future generations to come here at Pitlochry High School.
145. I would want to drop out of school if I have to get this bus all the time. I don't want an education at Aberfeldy, it's a hell hole, Aberfeldy will ruin my education. Please, please, please don't close my school!!!
146. You are putting people out of jobs if it closes. I don't want an education if you make us move to Aberfeldy.
147. Don't close the school. Save us from going to BredBin.
148. Everyone I know who has moved to Breadalbane has changed (not for the better). Pease I love this school, I feel I am loved here. Please do not close the school!! It's amazing!!
149. Do not shut the school. It performs well in tests! I don't want to spend 2 hours on a bus! It's bad for the environment and is a waste of time and life!
150. Waste of time destroying the school.
151. No.
152. Nope.
153. No comments.
154. Make school into campus. If you close the school, children in this area will have nothing.
155. No, just don't close it ☺
156. If I had the option I would definitely stay in Pitlochry High School for my 5th/6th year at school.
157. Add more subjects for the primary.
158. Yes I do.
159. Do not close the school. The teachers shouldn't lose jobs.
160. No.
161. Not really.
162. Teaching of Pitlochry was better than Breadalbane – teacher thought better and understood the children and how to help the children in their education better. Pitlochry takes care in the individuals if it trying to raise while compared to Breadalbane - is more like a factory trying to get you to fit into a mould like a factory.

163. No.
164. If it does shut, give the teachers jobs elsewhere ☹
165. Adding time to day is disruptive and means less time for homework, activities and community thing which would be a shame without.
166. Don't knock our school down.
167. Please don't shut it!
168. Please don't shut it ☹
169. Have better ways to get to class as we used to barge against each other as the corridors are so small.
170. Don't have any comments.
171. No. Don't have any.
172. Save our secondary, allocate funding to help go from good to great, and get behind this fantastic community.
173. My hope would be that Pitlochry High School remains status quo but with upgrades to the building or is made into a 2-18 campus. The best interests of local children will be best served by educating them in their own community and securing their future education. Leaving pupils, parents and staff in a state of uncertainty about the future of Pitlochry High School will almost certainly result in the further decline of numbers and the viability of the school as a place of education for the future.
174. Pitlochry is taking part in the 1140 Nursery trial programme, which is going to create increased interest for families with children in the early years. If this is so successful are you not simply creating a bubble which will soon pop when all of these extra primary school children have nowhere to go because Secondary schools are already full? Perth High Schools will become full due to new housing, although your representative says that there is more than enough room to accommodate these children, which then begs the question, why are you building a brand new school at Bertha Park?! If they do fill to capacity the only secondary school left available should Pitlochry close will be Breadalbane which will itself be at capacity, therefore leaving no other place for those children to go.
175. We are a young family with a 1 year old, we would look to leave Pitlochry should a solution to the schooling not be found.
176. I wonder if funding is spread equitably throughout our local authority area.
177. Should Pitlochry High School go on to consultation, I would wish to see the economic impact on the town and the current attainment rate [which has been consistently better than Breadalbane] be taken in to consideration. In addition to an impact study of the longer school day on young people's health and well-being. Consideration for pupils to attend the new High school at Bertha Park should also be part of the consultation; with the duelling of the A9 improving the transport infrastructure of Highland Perthshire - this might prove to be a shorter and less distressing journey for pupils to undertake.
178. No
179. Please keep our school open, think about people who have been here all their lives and their children are now at the school or will be in the future.
180. Stop destroying small communities with service closures, you don't save money in fact it wastes more.
181. Shutting Pitlochry high school will have a massive negative impact on the local community. Pitlochry needs investment and commitment from the council to thrive and grow. The children need support and consistency not stress and upheaval which I believe through my own experience is what a lot of kids feel when being forced to move from Pitlochry to Breadalbane at a difficult age. The introduction of 5th and 6th year is a must at Pitlochry.
182. There's a rivalry between Pitlochry and Breadalbane not just at school and it stems back many generations and for why or how nobody knows. Pitlochry children moving school at the end of S4 as they do know can have a negative effect on not just learning but life. Health. The day becomes 2 to 3 hours longer. The travel. The change after spending all their life's doing the same thing. Where they are settled. This change is forced on them.

What kind of impact will it have on 11, 12 year olds? If the school closed school life can be tough for some being forced to change schools at the latter stages and more important stages is a disgrace. Only discussions in this day and age on Pitlochry High school is how and when we will replace it. Make it fit for purpose and from nursery to sixth year. Results in recent years are better than Breadalbane.

183. I am a previous pupil at Pitlochry High School which I loved. As I wanted to continue my education I travelled by school bus to Aberfeldy every day. My memories are off a cold school bus that got sent home a lot in the highland winter weather so I missed several days of my education as I lived too far away. It is also difficult to adjust to a new school, rules, teachers and pupils at this age and I ended up leaving after S5 which was not my intention. How many others does this happen to, and how many 16 year olds just don't go??
184. Please do not close the school.
185. No
186. Pitlochry need a community school, for a children and young people to respect, become part of and therefore stay here. Take the school away you have no community. At the same time you are damaging the futures of the children asking them to move schools when they need to spend all their time revising, doing project or portfolio work etc. I also think that people won't move to Pitlochry or will move away and there will be few families. I know that we selected our house in a good community, with a good high school as we knew we were having a family and wanted the best for them, to get the best grades so they had a choice of what they wished to do on completing school. The prices of houses will fall, Pitlochry will become run down, tourist's wont visit any more, there will be no respect for the town so crime rates will soar and then everyone will lose out. We won't need hotels, guest houses, pubs coffee shops, knitwear shops, chip shops, transport, enchanted forest or anything as no one will come. It will happen I went to another village in Perthshire in the summer there was 2 large hotels run down and up for auction and a garden centre and there was minimal tourists and the place was shabby. It will happen sorry but it will. Pitlochry high school needs to be 1st year to 6th year I know because I was there and now I am in a city and see how important the local school is to the community.
187. Please do not close any part of this wonderful school.
188. Please please give our proposed option 6 serious consideration, the consequences of any of the 5 options proposed by PKC will be just catastrophic for our wonderful town and community. Please think of our children and future children and make their future the best we can!
189. It is imperative that the views and opinions of the local community, residents, parents and pupils **MUST** be listened to. It is not right that bureaucrats/officials that have never lived here should be making these decisions when they only look at statistics etc. on paper.
190. This is a bigger issue than just counting heads and dividing the money. Pitlochry High School is at the heart of its community and if you damage the school you will damage the community. You should be addressing the problem of how to keep families in the community first before reacting to a problem that could be short term (falling rolls) if the powers that be where to look at the bigger picture and think outside that tiny box.
191. The council state they promote highland Perthshire but not willing to spend the money on it.
192. Keep Pitlochry High School Open!
193. It is clear from Social Media posts that Pitlochry High School is highly appreciated by its current and former pupils. To close a clear asset in the hope of saving relatively small quantities of money would be educational vandalism. The council should look to not wasting the assets that it has - Struan School lies empty and decaying. The Headteacher's house at Kinloch Rannoch was demolished and now there is a car park on the site. The school at Bridge of Gaur stood empty for 30 years - a wasted asset.

- What about the school building at Straloch? Is that too wasted? (I don't know the answer).
194. Please don't close the school, it'll pull the community apart.
195. This is a great opportunity to create a good resource for the whole community - please don't waste it!
196. Pitlochry deserves a school. Our children deserve a quality education, in the town they live in. Our kids shouldn't have to travel to Aberfeldy every day.
197. Do not close the school.
198. Cannot quite believe that it has come to this. An area the size of highland Perthshire with only one secondary school is ludicrous. Can Aberfeldy actually cope with the extra pupils? What is at the moment a good facility will become stretched and we will end up no better off than we are now.
199. I work in XXXXX at XXXXX. While saying option 5 is the best in my opinion, I would also like to say that I am part of a very very close, enthusiastic, dedicated, supportive team at PHS. The staff all do our utmost to ensure the children get the best education and learning experiences as possible. I'd feel it would be tragic if P and K Council do vote and decide to close Pitlochry High School. A very important decision has to be made but please remember one thing.....it is people's lives you are dealing and playing with. Money should not always be the bottom line. Thank you
200. It is hoped that the full impact of the decision about PHS will be considered and an ambitious medium to long term view taken. This review process offers a huge opportunity to revitalise this community and build a strong inclusive community with a resilient outward looking focus. By incorporating a range of agencies and services within a new school building, the school would be a cost effective hub for the current and future community therefore saving Perth & Kinross Council money.
201. I became a primary teacher because of the amazing experience I had at PHS as a pupil. I'd hate to think of other pupils missing out on these experiences because government cuts mean the local authority can't afford to keep the school open.
202. said it all
203. Don't close Pitlochry, Logierait or Grandtully schools.... keep your hands off!!!!
204. Closing PHS would have a huge negative impact of the town and the quality of lives of generations of children. Please recognize that a school is more than a sum of its parts. A town of Pitlochry's size should have a school to support a diverse population.
205. Please show sense and do not shut the school!
206. If the school needs redeveloped then a community element needs to be introduced as well, incorporating after school hours availability and resources
207. I would like to see all the comments the community etc. have brought forward rather than them disappear like they always do unrecorded and unanswered.
208. Interesting how many thoughts have sprung to mind in completing this questionnaire so I hope there will be more such consultations
209. There is very little thought and consideration for the local community and future generations who would be massively effected by it. To ask for your opinion on the matter through a questionnaire basing it on 5 potential outcomes - none of which benefit the local community and future generations and would not keep up with all of the large community campuses built within PKC over the past decade - You start to think that there should be an option no.6 that benefits everybody, builds the community and stops sending youths a ridiculous amount of miles and hours away for their schooling. It was bad enough turning 16, moving into 5th year and having to add an extra 45 minutes onto your journey to school and then another 45 minutes on the return journey - no wonder I couldn't hack it, gave up and headed for the working world.... Now imagine that when you're 11-12 years old, what kind of effect would that have on your education? Worst of all, we weren't the people who lived furthest away. Others lived a further 9 miles away, far up into the countryside.... How could they justify this as education? Children being worn down before they even got to school, having to do homework on the bus as by the time they get home, they don't have the energy for it. If only they were to build up on

what they have, increase their years to include 5th and 6th year, open it up to the community for their use, supply the facilities and amenities to offer the children and the community what they have on offer here in Perth as a standard - use this all to entice people to not send their kids hours away for their education as they'd 'prefer they didn't move at such a critical time in their education'. We need to build our communities, not destroy them.

210. I don't have kids, I don't want kids of my own but I moved back to Pitlochry in my early 40s as I was born and brought up here. I now run a thriving sole trader business and spend my money locally. When I built my XXXXX house, XXXXX years ago, I had to pay a substantial "local education supplement" to PKC as the local primary was over 80% subscribed. I was annoyed at this as I have no intention of having kids, but I will be curious if the decision is then taken to downgrade or close a school that I have paid towards.
211. I am absolutely stunned that the Council can be a short sighted as to even consider reducing the level of local education provision in Pitlochry - the short term cash wins for the council will be far outweighed why the cost of the kids time in busses/loss of community interaction ,involvement and participation/ reduction in commercial in Pitlochry/ reduction in population in Pitlochry because of lack of school - reduction in house prices as a result
212. If the high school closes it will be a sad day.
213. No .
214. Let us kick out the SNP.
215. As an ex pupil who is planning to relocate back to the Pitlochry area in the spring, the potential closure of the school is of real concern. Should the closure go ahead I will be forced to move further away from my family in order to secure a local school to my property. I know of at least 2 others who are also reconsidering a move to the area because of this. A real shame. I fear this consultative state so drag on and I'll be forced away from Pitlochry with a heavy heart.
216. Both myself and my sister left school at 16 rather than face the long windy bus journey to Breadalbane and this impacted on our life chances.
217. Don't close my school!
218. After having attended Pitlochry high school right through from nursery to S4 I know how beneficial my school experience has been in shaping my future career. It is a close knit school that is central to the local community, which I have returned to work in. Improving the school facilities and extending to include S5 and S6 will only improve the school experience in this area further and encourage more families to stay as well as move to the area.
219. PHS absolutely must be retained and extended. It is essential to the future of the town. Breadalbane Academy is not the answer!
220. This school must continue to educate local kids for years to come.
221. Please don't close Pitlochry High school, there would be a loss of a whole generation in the total area.
222. Please, please listen to our community, and help us secure the future of Pitlochry High School - we just can't have our young children travelling long distances on a dangerous road every day to attend school, when they could have excellent education in the heart of their community.
223. It's easy to become cynical about consultation processes which are often tick box exercises in what is otherwise an automated process of steamrolling ahead to the cuts the councillors may see as inevitable. Example: bank house and extended property, granted planning permission (for a budget hotel chain and metro Tesco and parking right at the road side) against huge local opposition and pro bono proposals from Glasgow school of architecture to redesign the space sympathetically to the town and its needs- now the property has been sold on (apparently) but still no sign of rescuing this strategic site. If it will make any difference at all, no matter how small that possibility is, I'd like to say in the strongest possible terms that the school must remain operational and receive

the upgrade it sorely needs. Look elsewhere to make savings, don't pick off easy targets that are rural and less visible without the powerful lobby of somewhere bigger with more political clout. Get creative- levy a town tax on the bus loads of tourists that crowd the streets - £1 each would quickly add up! Get the wind farms to invest here - plenty windy space up on the moor. Get SSE to cough up a levy for the hydro scheme at Faskally (and the other sites while you're at it) - profit sharing in a meaningful way. Put some of the tourist revenue back into town infrastructure- many cities with big tourism industries do this easily and efficiently via a tax- Rome, Venice to name just 2. Enchanted forest can contribute - £1 per ticket to the town- or more. Would pay 2 teachers' salaries for the year. It doesn't have to be this story over and over again- if Scotland is to retain its rural character (and this is what our tourist industry heavily relies on) put something back into our town and don't take even more out.

224. The impact of this process on staff, pupils and the community is terrible. It is very unsettling for all and the longer it drags out the more negative impact it will have. Staff will be more likely to consider looking for alternative employment and recruiting replacements will be very difficult whilst this uncertainty is hanging over the school. This does nothing to help the situation. A speedy decision is vital.
225. Listen to the folk on the ground that use the school.
226. Children's education and well-being must come first in any plans for the future of the school, these years are very important both academically and developmentally. Also if educational staff were not employed locally there would be less people likely to become involved in external youth activities and groups this would have a very negative effect on both the children and the community.
227. Please help our community and our children by supporting the heart of our community Pitlochry School.
228. My understanding is that funds earmarked for Pitlochry were diverted towards other projects (I may have got this wrong). I feel that is unfair and that children in Pitlochry are being disadvantaged because the building and resources are not being invested in. Living in a rural area you get used to having to travel to take part in activities but the children shouldn't have the additional burden of potentially up to 2 hours travel each day (from Blair Atholl) just to go to school. My XXXXX has additional support needs and would not easily tolerate this travel time.
229. Close Pitlochry High School and you will destroy this town.
230. No
231. I worry if the school closes that will be the beginning of other things closing in Pitlochry. Also will house prices fall, I have a mortgage and my house may not be worth what we paid.
232. Travelling to and from Pitlochry and Aberfeldy adds almost 2 hours to the school day. This is very hard on our young people in these vital final school years when they are already under a lot of pressure preparing for exams. Transporting the whole secondary to Aberfeldy would be unpleasant for even younger pupils for their entire secondary education. In adverse weather conditions many pupils would potentially be unable to attend school.
233. Do not deprive us of our wonderful school and the fantastic children it produces. We should be given what we deserve finally. The town needs it.
234. I attended PHS 1971-1982, and received an excellent education.
235. I strongly believe that the first and only option should be to create a community campus in Pitlochry, keeping S5 & S6 here. Transport costs would be reduced, the pupils would be happier, it would create more teaching posts therefore people would move here and boost the economy of the town. Too many benefits to not do it.
236. The future of a remote rural school should not only be addressed through an economic lens. "Rural schools get a thinner slice of funding than their urban counterparts. Schools in remote communities also close because they are expensive to run and infrastructure have been rationalised as cost-cutting measures based on efficiency rather than equity." Gergory-Kumar. Notwithstanding this public consultation, has P&K Council assessed the

resilience of the local community to withstand the closure of the High School? Has P&K Council considered introducing the concept of 'Rural Proofing'? It is a process where major policies and strategies are examined to determine whether they have a differential impact on rural areas. Further information can be found in the Northern Ireland Assembly report on closing rural schools. Whether or not to close a rural school is predominantly part of the rural -urban debate. In an urbanising world the town/city is considered the ultimate model and the measure of all things, with policy frameworks biased for urban settings.

237. Pitlochry is on A9 and has good train/bus routes and it will be easier to recruit good teachers than it is to Breadalbane - which always seems to stagger from one teacher shortage crisis to another
238. The school is vital for town and is also ideal to supply community lifelong learning skills and also alternatives to NAT 5 and Highers. The school should be rebuilt to include a swimming pool and well equipped library with online access to universities for those us who research, as Breadalbane is far too far travel just for this. I really believe the school should offer young people an opportunity that is different and competitive to going to Perth or Breadalbane and the young people treated with respect. There should be total non-tolerance to bullying so that all the children feel safe and in a small school good support for special needs especially autism and dyslexia.
239. I hope that any decision will be based on sound educational evidence. The information available regarding the quality of education and the experiences offered to the children at Pitlochry High School is undeniably impressive. In my opinion the potential move to transporting children to a school that does not appear to offer such a high standard cannot be regarded as a positive change. I also worry about the impact of the canvassing that comes from the Private Sector (mail drops included) and I am aware that some families have chosen to send their children to Private School from Pitlochry High School at the end of S4. If the S5/6 option was available I am sure numbers would not be so high.
240. Please listen to our community, our children and our voice by safeguarding PHS (Secondary) for the future by including S5 & S6. My child enjoys many after school activities, such as Brownies, swimming, cycle club, all of which would need to be cancelled if additional hours were added to XXXXX school day.
241. This is a useful survey which I think reveals a common sense solution that will benefit Pitlochry and its school students if Options 2 & 3 together are adopted.
242. I can't believe that the council is wasting money on this consultation. Look at the bigger picture and anyone can see that closure of the school would be death to the town. I have lived here for 20 years and have watched Aberfeldy have many improvements while in spite of the efforts of our community, Pitlochry gets nothing. Closed tennis courts, paddling pool, town hall that's too expensive to hire, library and leisure facilities always shut, etc.
243. N/A.
244. It would be a travesty to close the secondary school at Pitlochry
245. I think the political class have to be careful about misleading declarations of Pitlochry school is going to be expanded to S6. How this is viable when there are huge CUTS in education and the falling roll of the school, plus the challenges of running an S5/6 and offering sufficient choice? A whole wide reaching debate needs to take place about the rural economy and housing.....professionals in the area really struggle to manage, never mind those on the lower rungs of employment. Finally, P and K are too Perth focused and the needs of the fringes are not being met.
246. Do not close school.
247. This is an opportunity to look to consider the future and what we want our community to be. To say that we don't want our children being forced to travel miles to a school in their catchment or even move to a school out of the catchment just to have a fair education. That we want our children to be offered the same subject choices and facilities as their friends in the adjacent catchment area or in the cities. To say that we still value the idea

of a community and what it means to the health and wellbeing of all residents. Centralisation of resources is not always the most beneficial idea. When it comes to areas which are as remote as Highland Perthshire, it has to be realised that the solutions that suit more densely populated areas will not work here - investment has to be made and thinking outside the box is necessary to come up with satisfactory solutions to ensure the future viability of the community and associated groups - business, employment, health facilities. This is our children's futures that are being considered and they should not be penalised for living in a remote and rural area with all the beauty of the area. For too long, Highland Perthshire has been starved of investment which has resulted in the issues of health facilities, lack of childcare. Residents of this area pay their council taxes the same as residents of Perth and it is now time that this area received its fair share of investment in services for its residents to secure a future for the area and its future generations.

248. N/A.
249. None.
250. We need this school for all - to encourage families in this area, to give children choices. To invest in their future show we believe in them.
251. No.
252. A school is not a business to be judged by tables, graphs and small minded budgets. it is the starting point of the future of us all. A good school is the best way to ensure good citizens and therefore a good society. Education is not a supermarket and should not be treated as if it is responsible to shareholders and profit margins. It is a birthplace for the future teachers, doctors, artists, and dare I say politicians of our society and should not be treated like a pawn on a budget chessboard.
253. Please do not miss the opportunity to invest our tax contributions wisely, and get the best return on that investment with the best outcomes for our children and neighbours, by thinking beyond the school building "silo" and utilise the cross functional opportunities that all the departments of local gov't working together can bring - it's your duty to the public to invest wisely.
254. This is a useful survey which I think reveals a common sense solution that will benefit Pitlochry and its school students if Options 2 & 3 together are adopted.
255. Pitlochry High School is where I grew up. I moved from nursery, through to primary and through the secondary school. The skills, learning and experiences I got here set me up for life. It really was a foundation for me. Breadalbane was a place of learning for me. I made friends and I enjoyed my classes/my teachers. However I was there to get my Highers and Advanced Highers, and that's really all it is. Pitlochry High School is an essential stage for the young people in this area. It nurtured me and built me up to where I am today (which is XXXXX away from being a fully qualified XXXXX studying at one of the best XXXXX schools in the world). Moving to Breadalbane was massively stressful to me. The (much) longer days, the sudden change, the bias of the teachers towards the Aberfeldy students. It was a massive ordeal to go through. The idea of moving to Breadalbane when I was just 12 years old is unthinkable. I really don't think I would have coped very well. Of course everyone is different, but everyone I've spoken to feels the same. If the move to Breadalbane is kept, then it should be kept where it is. Moving any earlier would be massively harmful to the children and to the community. And closing the school would take away a vital learning experience from every young person in the town.
256. Please re-emphasise option 6 so that more people are aware of this option and the fact that Pitlochry already attracts people outside the catchment area it helps support people who live outside the area yet work nearby.
257. No.
258. My biggest concern. We live at XXXXX which is 18 miles from Pitlochry up the A9. If the secondary school is closed we would have to put our kids to Breadalbane. That would mean possibly leaving the house around 7:30 and not returning till after 5:00. The kids

- would be shattered. I'm my mind not a good education!!! We would have to seriously have to consider leaving the area.
259. P&K council's catchment does extend beyond Blair Atholl!!!! Think about the families here please. Thank you!
260. No.
261. Please don't close our Secondary school.
262. Pitlochry High School is a great asset to this town and it would be a real shame and an outrage for it to be removed or any of the options to be chosen. A community campus would be beneficial all round and will be highly beneficial for the future. Other options will only look to close the school again in the future. In a small town like Pitlochry it is such an asset having a high school and is a great benefit for the community. I hope Pitlochry High is saved as I cannot imagine coming back to Pitlochry in the future and Pitlochry high school not existing. It would be massively negative for Pitlochry high school to close and will only make Pitlochry a ghost town in the further future.
263. On a personal note, I as a former Head Girl of Pitlochry High School wish to give the Lifelong Learning Committee a short insight into how incredibly important Pitlochry High School was and still is to me. In XXXXX I left the wonderful Logierait Primary School to move into 1st year at Pitlochry High School, a transition which was daunting but there was no need to worry. I remember my first day at Pitlochry High School, a day filled with exciting moments, moments which continued my almost 5 years at Pitlochry High School. All of my teachers were dedicated, hardworking and offered us pupils the best of their experiences and teaching, the whole school package was excellent and I consider myself incredibly lucky to have experienced Pitlochry High School. In XXXXX I was given the proudest honour of being made Head Girl, a duty which I carried out and enjoyed, being a representative for "" my"" school at various public events. It is an honour I still have great pride in having had the pleasure to carry out. The teaching standards were then and continue to be high, excellent exam pass rates which simply cannot be argued with. Does the committee really want to take away that along with wonderful opportunities for children living within the area and future generations?! It makes me incredibly sad that such a question of closing Pitlochry High School was even remotely considered. To look at how a school can be improved is not a bad idea but please, listen to the Community who want a bigger, improved and extended Pitlochry High School, please, we must move on with positivity for the future of all. We need our Pitlochry school. Thank you.
264. I understand the need to save money. However the safety and well-being of the children has to be a priority for us all. Many pupils already have significant journeys to get to Pitlochry, so it would be a serious impact for them to have to travel to Aberfeldy. The road to Aberfeldy is a country road, not a dual carriageway or an A class road. This would put the safety of the pupils at risk. If secondary pupils were moved to Aberfeldy, this would have a detrimental effect on their ability to join in after school clubs or out of school activities. Please think of the impact on samples of individual pupils and their daily lives- more than an hour each way travelling on winter roads, impossible to join after school events, as no public transport available to places like Fincastle, Blair Atholl, towards Kirkmichael, etc. We're not just thinking of pupils who live in Pitlochry itself but those who already have to travel.
265. I was a pupil at PHS when I moved here from the South starting at the end of S1 in XXXXX; it was a fabulous school then (as now). I achieved and benefitted immensely by being part of a small rural school where the teaching staff knew me well had my best interests at heart and I felt I belonged in a very special place. My three children are also ex-pupils and I feel that, as a family, we have been very fortunate to have been educated at PHS. I have first-hand experience of the transition process to Breadalbane both personally and as a parent and it is not a favourable one.
266. Education should not stop when pupils leave school. A community Campus could offer much requested English lessons for our many foreign workers and recognised occupational qualifications e.g. in hairdressing, beauty, catering and many other options.

A new upgraded PHS could pay for itself by offering a comprehensive syllabus of further education benefitting the community, offering evening classes in a variety of skills and promoting Lifelong learning.

267. No.
268. Pitlochry children such as mine & many I was involved with gone to many corners of this world with a fine education & social skills because of their schooling & have shared these with their contacts.
269. No.
270. No.
271. It would be a disgrace if the secondary was closed. Some of the young families I have spoken to would move away if Pitlochry School was downgraded. They were very angry at the way this has been handled as it caused distress and uncertainty in their children. They all want the school to stay and improve and move forward with certainty.
272. Attainment levels at this school have consistently been good. Don't ride this.
273. No.
274. Only to say the possibility of the school closing is a very very bad and potentially catastrophic idea, for the town, for employers and for the future of the community.
275. No.
276. I also have XXXXXX at Logierait and XXXXXX due to start Logierait. Please don't make my move back to the area worthless. I did it to make a better life for my children, not worse.
277. Yes. There are different circumstances for children in rural communities to those of cities. If a child in a city moves school they are still living and being educated in the same city. Moving a child from a school in one town to another town uproots them from their own home community. They would not be living or being educated in the same town. There is a huge difference. It is the duty of PKC to fairly address the educational needs of the children of Pitlochry High School and safeguard the heart of our community by investing wisely and rightly in our school so the children benefit at a level no less than they deserve.
278. Yes. This stupid austerity is killing us. Start investing in the community.....money is an energy source. The more you use it the better the return.....hoard it is everything becomes stagnant
279. Perth & Kinross seems intent on killing off our rural areas and this review has just demonstrated that.
280. I realise there is a passion amongst the local community to keep the school in Pitlochry open and invest in its future - this has been a really positive relief.
281. This process must take a holistic and strategic view on education provision in Pitlochry considering the close economic link between the school and local area. Closure is not consistent with the investment in road, rail and communication infrastructure in the area. Why do this and then shrink the education provision in the area. The two do not add up. More importantly, investing in the school will provide a safe, high quality and stable long-term environment for our children and community to grow and thrive. Not everyone wants to live in the city.
282. The Pitlochry High School library is the hub of the school and the work carried out by the librarians to promote learning and research as well as the support offered to every single pupil was an invaluable experience. They have assisted hundreds of students to improve in all aspects of their learning and, as a direct result many have gone on to be very successful in their fields. Opportunities were made available to all students by the librarians and other members of staff and lead to students having a much more rounded education which is exceptionally important for moving into industry or university. The closure of Pitlochry High would be devastating for the local community and I must, in the strongest possible terms, urge the council to invest in this school for the betterment of the entire community.
283. The future development and well-being of Pitlochry/ Atholl community. If you get it wrong now there will be no recovery. Invest in the community for the 21st century and beyond.

284. Please consider the children first and foremost in this decision as it is them that will benefit most from Pitlochry Secondary staying open and suffer the most if it is closed.
285. A community loses so much & never recovers when a school closes. A vital link with young people is lost.
286. It is required that the catchment area of Pitlochry gets development status which will bring or direct jobs to the area. It is essential affordable housing for rent, for families is provided for people working in the area. It was done in the past with the development of the Hydro Electric Board - housing was provided for staff. To the Council it is not right that the Pitlochry area should suffer the loss of an educational facility due to the wrong decision of entering into a greatly expensive PPFi schemes for some of their educational facilities.
287. Fail to address above points a) or b), or downgrading Pitlochry School to a Primary School only - and the decrease in 0-19 year olds in Highland Perthshire will get much worse. Save Pitlochry High School and make it a proper S1-S6 school, please.
288. Would like to know if this is purely a budgetary choice - transparency. To see a sustainable rural community development plan for the area and actionable points. How these actionable points are taken up by the various local government developments. I'm also very concerned that the outcome has already been decided and this consultation is merely a PR exercise.
289. As the parent of a child with significant ASN I am very concerned at the prospect of S1-S4 pupils being bussed to Breadalbane. If that had been the case when my XXXXX was in S1 and S2 I don't know what would have happened as I was frequently called to the school to collect him during the school day. I didn't have a car in those days so I probably would have had to keep him off for 2 or 3 days a week. I knew there are many more pupils with medical conditions that would be in a similar position.
290. Some specialist provision in Highland Perthshire for children on the autistic spectrum perhaps a change in government to one which values education and funds it properly.
291. A new super school with community campus!!
292. Don't understand why funding which was allocated to improve the school was withdrawn to go towards a new high school in Perth. Surely the person who budgeted for the new school should be held accountable for grossly underestimating the cost. Why should our school suffer because of a person's mistake?
293. Invest in people and people will invest in Highland Perthshire.
294. My son would hate traveling to Aberfeldy due to sickness, eventually he would want to stay at home to save the embarrassment of being sick on the bus or at school.
295. Not at this time.
296. The school is an essential part of the community.
297. Facilities such as Breadalbane campus in Aberfeldy would be hugely beneficial to Pitlochry, enabling & promoting a thriving community.
298. I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute my thoughts on such an important issue.
299. Could we have a break from the enchanted forest please?
300. Need comprehensive sustainable overall community development strategy to put issue into context.
301. I understand there is a sixth option, to develop the school to include additional community facilities, such as has happened in Aberfeldy and Crieff. This sounds like a good option - Pitlochry deserves the same facilities as other areas. Please do not close our school or you will be responsible for the death of a whole community.
302. No
303. Upgrading the school building to provide wrap around care would in my opinion, encourage more families into the area, boosting the school role and enhancing the community & Pitlochry.
304. Funding needs to go into Inclusion and smaller classes. When a flower doesn't bloom you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower.

305. Closure of our secondary school would kill our community. Find the money to keep it open & provide extra facilities.
306. This cannot be allowed to happen closing the high school. A new campus with all the facilities that other areas have can only have a positive impact on Pitlochry. Our children should not be discriminated against. Why shouldn't they have the same facilities as others in Perth & Kinross without having to travel to another town!!!
307. Just a plea to take our comments on board.
308. 1) Don't condemn our community to a slow & agonising sclerosis by removing our teenagers from us. They are vital to the balance here, both giving & receiving to create more rounded community. 2) Don't punish our children for purely economic reasons. Don't inflict a horrendous journey & limit their free time choices through moving them to Aberfeldy. Don't add to their stress by parachuting them into a totally different community as teenagers when they have enough to cope with as their bodies' transition. 3) Be positive about Pitlochry. We are a distinct community. Extending the time our teenagers can interact with us will only be beneficial for us & them to give them a firmer foundation for going on to jobs/ tertiary education. Provide proper disability facilities & we could even lead the way in rural education.
309. The local community have shown that they care passionately about the future of Pitlochry High School. PKC have given the community its voice and should now be willing to provide the level of investment that Pitlochry High School deserves. PKC need to take an innovative approach to the delivery of education in rural Highland communities and technology and shared teachers, rather than long bus journeys, should be at the heart of this education policy.
310. As demonstrated by the high levels of community engagement with the PKC review of Pitlochry High School, there are strong feelings that the school should receive investment, rather than closure. Anything short of this will be seen as a failure of PKC to listen to the community. There are strong educational reasons why the school should be invested in with an extension to S5 and S6. Pupils are likely to have better attainment at school and improved health/wellbeing from less travel to school. Increasing bus traffic as a result of closing the school, or indeed maintaining the status quo of shipping Pitlochry pupils to Aberfeldy for S5 and S6, will have environmental and cost impacts. PKC and Scottish Government green targets are likely to be contravened by adding more diesel vehicles to the roads when other options exist. Increased road usage will result in higher levels of maintenance requirements for these roads and result in slower journey times. It is not clear how many days would be lost to inclement weather and Pitlochry pupils not being able to get to Aberfeldy. There would also be increased safety risks to pupils on such long journeys. Safeguarding on the bus journeys would have to be considered for all pupils, but ASN pupils would likely require one to one supervision with associated costs. The economic impacts of school closure on the town do not seem to have been considered at all as part of this review process. The sustainability of Highland Communities is not helped by disinvesting in them.
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13) COMMENTS FROM S5/6 PITLOCHRY PUPILS

- 1) Tell us about your experience of transitioning at the end of S4 to Breadalbane Academy (Please give details).

Comments

- The thought of moving was scary but once actually there it wasn't that bad.
- Had to make new friends when we moved over, this was good because I met more people like me and made more friends than I had at Pitlochry. I enjoyed having a year in S4 when we were top of the school, then moving to BA was a bit nervous and I didn't know what to expect. I felt the teachers were much better in BA and this helped to settle quickly.
- N/A. However I do believe the transition can be detrimental to pupils as it is a new school, new teachers, new people, cases of mental health occurring due to the transition over the past few years. I did not personally transition at the end of S4, I did it at the end of P6 (Grandtully Primary School was involved in this process).
- Not good. Was very hard moving in S4 wasn't the best idea in my opinion. Felt they didn't really make an effort with us when we first came. We were just thrown into it if that makes sense. Pros: more subject choices, new friends, better equipment, more teachers. Cons: distance, spend 2+ hours travelling to school. Confidence decreased, moving students when they are younger would work better as it would give them more time to gain that confidence in time for exams. Don't have relationships with teachers. Most teachers don't really know Pitlochry people. Teaching wasn't quite as good. Grades fell.
- I found it hard to transition at the end of S4 because I found the actual classes at Breadalbane weren't taught as well and some departments had very little to no support. Socially it was hard getting to know people however it was also nice making new friends etc. with people we didn't get to know at Pitlochry. Course choices at Breadalbane are much better however we didn't get to take much advantage of that as we had already sat our national 5's and couldn't crash higher these subjects.
- Dreaded it a lot but actually wasn't that bad, classes are hard but that's expected. It would suck if you didn't try and make new friends.
- It was a shock to the system in the fact that they didn't know my work ethic or learning habits in the classroom compared with Pitlochry. Travelling 40 minutes each way is extremely strenuous both mentally and physically, from going to a 5 minute walk it has impacted my learning capability as when I get home I am mentally and physically exhausted to do my homework tasks.
- I had a bad transition from Pitlochry to Breadalbane. The first year of exams was very stressful time for me, during that time I built up relationships with teachers, so I could feel more comfortable at Pitlochry. When I moved to Breadalbane I lost a lot of that support and being the new kids at a school can be very intimidating.
- The bus journey is now an hour long compared to 15 minutes in Pitlochry. Teachers try to get us to mix in but we don't really know anybody so we all stay in our separate little groups. The classes are bigger and some of the things we weren't taught in Pitlochry. The teachers at Breadalbane assume that all of the Pitlochry pupils know where everything is e.g. first aid department.
- Getting up earlier is a struggle and don't need the stress of it in the morning. Getting close with teachers, subjects and the general ways of the school, then moving is disruptive and emotional as wanted to stay. Subject options are much more than Pitlochry resulting in starting a lot of new subjects = extra work. Change is nice but would rather stay put as getting used to things especially for exams.

- It was very awkward at the start and we kept ourselves separate in socialising and classes. Now in S6 we get along well. Teachers didn't know us so didn't know what to expect of us they only knew our grades.
 - The transition wasn't well done as when choosing subjects for S5, already present people (at Breadalbane) got priority at choices and disregarded those at Pitlochry completely.
 - The transition was easy for me because I knew a lot of people before I came here. They helped me with my way around the school.
 - I know people at Breadalbane anyway so it was pretty easy as they told me what to expect from teachers.
 - Terrible, very stressful and not at all helpful during exams/just after – having to socialise more and make new friends, get used to new place and people while choosing life altering subjects and exams.
- 2) Please share your opinions about moving this transition to the end of S3.

Comments

- It may be bad as we learn the start of some classes in S3 for exams and some teachers teach differently.
- Too early – I enjoyed doing things, like the head boy at PHS but I don't think I would have wanted to do this in S3.
- Easier and beneficial as before exams. You have the opportunity to adjust to school life in Breadalbane and then lead into the exam year.
- Would be better than S4.
- I don't think it would be very effective from an academic point of view as students that excel in certain departments may suffer greatly e.g. English, languages, social sciences. However in other departments (science) it is better than Pitlochry. The bus journeys are very long.
- Not a good idea as we learn a lot of our course in S3 and it may be different stuff learnt at Breadalbane.
- Not a good idea as we learn a lot of the course in S3. We are only just starting to get to know our Pitlochry teachers.
- I believe that there would be less stress/pressure but if there is an opportunity to stay in Pitlochry then that should be advised.
- It would be slightly better as you would get more opportunities for S4.
- Doing 3 years at Pitlochry would be a waste of time. Parents may move their kids at the start of secondary so will reduce numbers. As S5 & S6 are optional and S4 is not, if leaving at S4 doing one year at a new school is a waste of time.
- I don't think it would be very different socially, the teachers would get to know you better. More subject variety.
- I don't support this idea. In S3 I learnt a lot of the course for National 5 here (especially for biology) splitting it up would mean pupils doing the transition do not get a through education. Support wouldn't be very well if the pupils do move over to Breadalbane who currently struggle to support their current number of pupils.
- It would be easier because it would let you experience different classes.
- It wouldn't be right as people may like Pitlochry as they thought they would get results from Pitlochry as they are better than Breadalbane.
- No, same problems, not resolving the issues.

- 3) What do you see as the benefits and/or drawbacks of moving to Breadalbane? (Please explain why).

Comments

- You get a lot more choices e.g. hairdressing, rock climbing, swimming.
- Pros: more people, better teachers for science, better equipment, more teachers for the same subjects, so if you don't like a teacher you may like another, support department at BA than Pitlochry, more subject choices, better library, hall. Cons: bus journey, have to pay to get back from after school clubs, don't know the school as well.
- Benefits: wider social involvement, wider catchment area, better facilities than PHS. Drawbacks: longer bus journey, adjustment to new school life in a whole, no guide around Breadalbane.
- Benefits: subjects, more options. Drawbacks: too far, stairs are too cramped, we don't know where anything is (most of us don't even know where we go when we've injured ourselves), busses are expensive after school – limits what you can do.
- Benefits: science departments, more people, much better equipment, more than 1 teacher or 1 subject. Drawbacks: English department, language department, social science department, pupil support isn't good, bus journey, don't know the building.
- Pros: new people, new subjects, new opportunities, exciting meeting new people. Cons: miss the teachers I had, miss the relationships I formed with the teachers/dinner ladies over my whole life, more journey (always tired from the journey back and forth), barely know anyone/anywhere.
- Positives: we have learned new social skills in how to do it in an academic sense like we would at college. Negatives: the school is much less attentive to us, there would seem to be a bias toward Breadalbane pupils compared to Pitlochry.
- Pros: more subject choices. Cons: new teacher, new environment, high expectations for work ethic, long travel times.
- Benefits: course options (more). Drawbacks: you have to bond with new teachers, new school environment, most things.
- Benefits: better building/facilities, wider subjects. Drawbacks: losing community at Pitlochry, teachers don't know you so disadvantage, lack of communication, extra time added to day, extracurricular activities mean you have to pay for bus, don't know where things area, bigger classes – less communication with teachers, most things.
- It feels like there's favouritism, some people didn't get to take subjects they wanted to. Better socially. Bus journey is long and seems dangerous.
- Benefits: better facilities, teachers are nicer. Drawbacks: have to get up an hour earlier.
- Getting up earlier. This is because you had a certain time to get up at Pitlochry and would need to change that as you need to get a bus.
- Benefits: wider range of subjects and better facilities – update PHS's facilities. Drawbacks: longer bus/travel journeys, more tired – less able to learn, better teaching at Pitlochry than Breadalbane, emotionally harder on pupils at Breadalbane (bad teachers) Pitlochry were a lot nicer and mentally more supportive.

- 4) If you had been given the option, would you have preferred to stay at Pitlochry High School for all of your secondary education? (Please explain why).

Comments

- No, because we got away with a lot more than coming to Aberfeldy. The teachers don't care as much, e.g. you can skip class and get away with it.
- I don't think so because it got me used to a more university style of teaching. Made better friends.

- No, as facilities were not up to standards, teaching in some cases are not involved incomplete.
 - Yes! Exam results would be better, easier to stay after school.
 - I think so however I know it's not plausible due to the lack of equipment etc.
 - No, as its nice seeing new people, actually was tired of the routine. Would've stayed if loads more people came in at S4.
 - Yes, I would have preferred to have stayed because it would make it much easier to continue in my academic success. I'd feel like I could rely more in the educational system at Pitlochry.
 - Yes, yes, yes! You built up a relationship with teachers and you lose that relationship and confidence. Travel times 40 minutes there + back added onto already long day.
 - Yes, because the bus journey is shorter. We already know the teachers at Pitlochry and the school environment. We also already know the pupils.
 - Yes. General disruption reduced. Can get to know teachers better so are advised things over 6 years.
 - No, because once I was in Breadalbane for a while it was really good.
 - No. It's better to experience a new environment as may prep you for when you leave home to meet new people.
 - I would of liked to stay at Pitlochry because it's closer to home.
 - Yes, I knew everyone there and had good relationships with all of them and I know they would help me in every way they can.
 - Yes, better education, no stress of moving/making new friends, closer to home where part of the community 100% much better at Pitlochry.
- 5) What are your thoughts of your experience at Breadalbane Academy? Please give details in relation to positive and/or negative social and academic experiences.

Comments

- More people, more teachers, bigger school and more experiences at Pitlochry e.g. DofE, Junior ranger, YPI.
- I think the move has been good, I enjoy having new teachers. The new facilities make my learning better.
- Positive: as wider social circle, more opportunities in school facilities. Negatives: bus journeys limited and unnecessarily long.
- Positives: new people make amazing friends. Negatives: some departments are just shocking, school is way too chill about some things, most students get away with anything.
- Positive: meet new people. Negatives: the subjects I take I am good at have terrible departments, teachers don't really make an effort to know you e.g. lots don't know names.
- Having fun. There are good teachers and bad teachers for my subjects.
- Positives: it prepped us for future educational means e.g. uni or college. It allowed us to increase our social capabilities as in Pitlochry it can be harder to meet new people. Negative: it is much harder to concentrate in class with so much going on and having to wake up earlier because of the buses.
- Teachers expect too much of new pupils. More subject choices. Longer days. New area/experiences.
- It has been a lot harder.
- Not knowing where things are e.g. first aid. Travelling has made the day longer, had to step down from a job. Music opportunities have been good, playing as a larger group is more beneficial as other clubs. Awkwardness around people that know of you. Able to do all the subjects I want.

- Relationship with teachers is better now but I'm in XXXXX.
 - In comparison academically Pitlochry was better supported but needed better equipment is need needed in the department.
 - My experience at Breadalbane has been good I've made a lot of friends and teachers have helped.
 - Alright – some classes in Pitlochry are better than Breadalbane.
 - Socially – more people so higher friend probability. Academically – s***e teaching and really bad grades as a result. Bad school.
- 6) For those who use council transport to Breadalbane Academy, please give us your thoughts on this service?

Comments

- It takes 40 minutes where it could take 15 by car so it is a while.
 - Its ok – very long time on bus, sometimes late, if you stay late there is no service provided, bus can be late.
 - Too expensive in public transport. Dropped off at a particular bus stop where as there is a bus stop closer to home. If S1-S4 decide to attend Breadalbane they have to wait 2 or more weeks to get on and in order to get to school, have to get the first bus leaving Pitlochry in order to get there in time and then we are questioned why some are tired during class. If there's not enough space on bus, take them off but don't leave them stranded.
 - Too long. 2+ hours every day. We're always 10+ minutes late sometimes.
 - Bus is late a lot. Bus is too cold or too hot. What did they change XXXX and XXXXXXXXXXXX?
 - It's okay. Always late but it always gets us to school on time? It sucks we can't get on each other's buses.
 - It's always late. If we stay for extra-curricular activities after-school then we have to pay for transport.
 - Terrible. The bus is always late. Due to high speeds the bus randomly pulls the brakes due to oncoming traffic and we are all thrown forwards.
 - The buses drive too fast.
 - It's often late and unreliable. If severe weather + we can't make school we are blamed and need to catch up on work. If doing after school clubs have to pay more. Bus leaves school sharp, even if staying for extra 10 mins to get work etc. have to pay for service bus and waste time.
 - Safety is needed to be looked at. Some roads should not drive school children. Late. Drive fast and then brake really hard.
 - Service currently is functioning alright, not much improvements can be made in this department. Breadalbane provides after-school clubs which means we cannot take the school bus home and must pay for public transport to go home. So a possible bus pass for those to get free transport to go home if stay late at Breadalbane.
 - My bus is 10 mins late the route is bad.
 - Bus is always late so sometimes we are late for school. Roads aren't safe as to narrow.
 - XXXXX. More tired as a result, bad buses XXXXX unreliable times and quality of busses, XXXXX. XXXXX.
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14) ALL EMAILS & LETTERS RECEIVED

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing with regards to the proposed closure of Pitlochry High School. I am a former pupil of Pitlochry High, where I started in XXXXX when I began my S1 class. I came from a small rural school, called Straloch School, which sadly has since closed. I attended Pitlochry High until S4, where I then moved onto Breadalbane for 5th and 6th year. The last 5 generations of my family have done to Pitlochry High School, and my greatest achievement at this school was becoming XXXXX.

Pitlochry High School was not my default High School, Blairgowrie was. Due to the lengthy journey to get to Blairgowrie, my parents opted to send me to Pitlochry. Being only 6 miles away, the commute was a lot shorter, meaning that we didn't spend so much time travelling to and from school. Many other Straloch pupils were the same, with parents sharing lifts and doing the school run themselves, as we were not entitled to free transport. In my opinion, the catchment area of the school should be expanded to include Kirkmichael and surrounding areas.

Having a high school in Pitlochry is paramount, and I will challenge anyone who says otherwise. Travelling distance is probably one of the most important reasons, if pupils were made to travel to Breadalbane for secondary years, this would mean for a very long day for pupils, leaving less time for homework and out of school activities. I attended Breadalbane school for 5th and 6th year, and I woke up at 6.30am every morning, and didn't get home until 5pm. I didn't do after school activities, as I had no way of getting home. However, during my four years at Pitlochry High School, I attended after school clubs, such as netball and football, and this led on to me becoming the captain of the netball team. This is something I would never have been able to do otherwise.

Coming from a small rural school, I was extremely shy and not confident at all in large crowds of people. Going to Pitlochry High School from a primary school of only 7 pupils was a big shock to me. I can look back now and laugh at how shy I was, by at the time it was very daunting. If I was going to a bigger school such as Breadalbane or Blairgowrie, I really wouldn't have coped.

I was extremely fortunate to have XXXXX as my head teacher. She is one of the best teachers I have ever had, and I owe a lot to her. Without her help I would not be in the career I am in now – XXXXX. When I attended Breadalbane, I highly doubt the head teacher even knew my first name. The personal touch at Pitlochry is something that can't be explained unless you've experience it, but to try and put it in to words, just look at the success of the former pupils. Without the help and support of Pitlochry High School, the pupils of the school would not be where they are now.

When thinking about closing Pitlochry High School, please do not base the decision on number or meaningless opinions. Base your decision on the past reputation of the school and the high standard of teaching those pupils received, and continue to receive. So many schools are getting centralised and being made bigger and bigger. Remember that not all pupils cope in these situations, and lots of pupils get "lost" in these big systems and do not receive the help and support they need.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that Pitlochry High School should 100% remain open, and with the catchment area being expanded. The school should not be closed, the local people should not suffer. Without Pitlochry High School, Pitlochry will not have a heart.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Sirs

Pitlochry High School

As a former pupil of Pitlochry High School (PHS) I am incredibly sad to learn that consideration is being given to closing the school and wish to not my objection to this.

I was brought up in the Pitlochry rural community and I was in the catchment area for PHS following my primary schooling at one of the surrounding small county school (which has also since closed). I was only 12 when I moved to PHS which was a huge change for me and indeed lots of my peers as the majority of us were also from small rural primaries.

My siblings and I were all educated at PHS and all three of us have good careers; XXXXX heads up an accounts team for a large company based in XXXXX, my XXXXX runs XXXXX own successful business in the area and I am a XXXXX. So the three of us have done very well which is, I believe, due to us having had an excellent education in our local high school. Re-reading this I am aware this may come across as if I am boasting about myself and my family and is not my intention, I simply wish to highlight that PHS and the teaching staff provided us with a second to none education. In addition to that I am aware that many of my classmates also have very successful careers. So PHS, and the teachers, provided us with an excellent education to allow us to progress successfully in life.

Within my working life, I have met several colleagues whose education is quite poor, due mainly to having been in large classes and were simply “lost” or “over looked” in class. With the result that their basic knowledge of mathematics, spelling and grammar, being really quite poor. I find this very difficult to understand in this day and age.

So, if PHS closes and secondary age pupils are to attend Breadalbane, surely this will increase class sizes and if the bright but shy/quiet pupil is unable to speak up that child will be left behind as the teacher will either overlook them or not have time to encourage them. So instead of that child being a top achiever in the class they will be in the bottom few which I think is incredibly sad.

In line with the above, it has been well documented recently that the education system continue to have difficulties recruiting and retaining teachers. Assuming, PHS closes and pupils move to Breadalbane does this not put further pressure on teaching staff; will they be able to cope with larger classes and heavier workloads?

There are several villages which fall under the PHS catchment, a few being Tummel Bridge, Calvine, Blair Atholl and Ballinluig. So, assuming PHS closes a S1 pupil living in Blair Atholl will spend at the very least an hour travelling each day, compared to travelling 30 minutes each day if they were attending PHS (so effectively doubling). I am sure you are now thinking an hour of travel time is quite acceptable and not out of the question; however, I personally do not think this is acceptable. That child, who could be only 12 years old would probably have to get up at 7am to prepare for the school day and have breakfast to get the bus for 8am to get to Breadalbane for 9am. To get home they will get the bus at, at the very earliest, 3.30pm and be home, again at the very earliest, 4.30pm so a 9.5 hour day and in addition probably has homework/preparation to do for the following day's school. I would argue that this is detrimental to a child who will be exhausted and also this will impinge on their family time. Of course there are lots of children who have to a lot further to travel as they live in rural locations out with villages.

In the modern day it is becoming increasingly important for pupils to get involved in extra-curricular activities. So again the S1 pupil from Blair Atholl is at a disadvantage from outset as in all probability they will unlikely be able to get involved in these activities due to being restricted by having to get the bus home.

In summary therefore, I whole heartedly oppose the closure of Pitlochry High School for all the reasons highlighted above which if closure goes ahead it will be detrimental to the education of our children and in turn to our future. I would urge you to speak to, and take on board, the opinions of the locals and the pupils of how closure of the school would affect them and their families and how that would ripple throughout the local community. Of course, the school has to be viable however I understand another consideration is to increase the schooling at PHS to S5 and S6; I believe this is the only option that can be considered to ensure the vital education facility of PHS is safeguarded for future generations.

Yours faithfully
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Dear Sir/ Madam

We are writing with regards to the proposed closure of Pitlochry High School. Both having attended this wonderful school along with previous generations of our families and also our own children.

The education over the many years that our families and many more received was second to none, with the proof being we are all in successful careers now.

We can only praise PHS, it was a welcoming school with teachers who really cared, were part of the community and knew how to help and encourage shy quieter pupils but also to encourage and challenge high achievers.

Please think very careful when deciding on the future of PHS, surely education is one of the most important part of our children's futures and well worth the effort to go that extra mile and keep Pitlochry High going for future generations and the good of Pitlochry.

Remember bigger is not always better.

Yours sincerely
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Dear XXXXX

I write on behalf of Pitlochry Estate Trustees to express their concern in relation to the proposed closure of Pitlochry High School.

As an employer in the area the High School is vital in securing continuity for employees and their families and is an integral part of the wider community in the town.

Within the Local Development Plan there are currently housing allocations for 160 units, some of which are on land owned by the Trustees that will shortly be coming forward with planning application. It is the aim of the Trustees, and I am sure that of Perth & Kinross Council, that the new development both in terms of private and affordable housing will result in significant additional educational needs within the community and that these developments, and the children living there, should be taken into account and reinforce how important it is to keep Pitlochry High School as part of educational estates.

We believe the proposal is short-sighted and the geographical constraints and transport links in the event the children were to be transported to Breadalbane Academy are unrealistic, will impact negatively on the community and have many risks. Once the school is gone, it is gone, however demand for housing is only going to rise and no account has been taken for any future Local Development Plan.

We will be pleased to engage further with Perth & Kinross Council on this matter and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely
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Good evening,

I was hoping to attend the meeting concerning Pitlochry High School in Blair Atholl Village Hall today however due to unexpected circumstances I will now not be able to attend. I would have welcomed the opportunity to have spoken to individuals involved with the review, however please find below some of my observations and concerns over the review.

Initially I have some reservations about how the review has been carried out so far. In Blair Atholl there has been a lack of advertisement concerning the consultation. I would have expected something to be posted by PKC on the local notice boards about the consultation event tonight, there is a lack of awareness amongst local businesses (who would be impacted by any changes) and also at our local toddlers group most of the parents were unaware they could contribute despite some of them having children at a feeder primary school. Going forward I would look for the formal review to be more widely advertised within the local community, keeping in mind that we are rurally based and have different methods of communication from inner city schools, including local noticeboards and free circular magazines.

Moving on to the proposed options I am extremely concerned but the fact that closure of Pitlochry High School is even being considered. I am assuming in the course of your consultation you will discover the huge opposition from the local community with regards to this option. From my personal perspective I would have an issue sending my 12 year old to school somewhere which took two hours out of every school day, for 6 years of XXXXX life. It is vital for children to have social interaction in these key years and when children are leaving home and returning in darkness during the winter months this reduces the free time they have available to develop and grow. Also this time restriction limits attainment as a larger proportion of time spent at home needs to be focussed on completing homework and may encourage children to channel less effort in to this in order to enjoy more free time. Due to lack of transport after 3.30 any children requiring public transport would be unable to attend extra-curricular events or after school clubs, thus limiting their opportunities to extend their learning and create friendships with other pupils. Also the lack of transport will mean that I would be unable to attend any parents evenings, for the entire course of my child's six year attendance, as I do not drive. I feel that this is an unacceptable disadvantage to rural parents and children as parents evenings are vital as part of the communication between school and home. Finally, as an ex-pupil who attended Breadalbane from Blair Atholl for two years, I have concerns over the safety of the transport situation as an increase in the number of busses from Ballinluig to Aberfeldy puts additional pressure on a winding rural road. Also there were several occasions where pupils waited for the bus during the winter in the cold and dark only to be told that the school was closed or the bus would not make it through due to the weather. This places children in a dangerous situation if they live further from the bus stop and they cannot be collected. In conclusion the closure of Pitlochry High

School would be wholly unacceptable for the community and there is no appetite for this option locally, I would suggest that it is ruled out in order to focus on the viable options moving forward.

There are also some concerns with the removal of S4 to Breadalbane or the continuation of the current system. To move children to a new school within their vital exam years causes undue stress during an already stressful time. Children are asked to choose subjects without knowing the professional who will be delivering the curriculum and may find themselves in a class full of pupils they have never met, adding further anxiety to an already anxious time. Having made the transition myself I found it difficult to go from a school where teachers were very invested in my education to somewhere that teachers were familiar with the attainment and learning styles of the majority of their class but initially did not know my name. Also at PHS I was the highest achieving girl in my year, however after two years at Aberfeldy there were several members of the senior management team who did not know my name.

My preferred option is the one put forward by XXXXX, extending the catchment area and increasing from 4 to 6 years appears to be the best way to provide the community and the pupils with the facilities to achieve the best outcomes for all. Adding S5 & S6 means that teachers have seen pupils through all six years and are more invested in each pupil and their attainment. I feel that expansion is not a solution in itself - we cannot expect people to move to the area solely for the facilities provided by the school. There are many issues facing the community including a lack of full time jobs and a lack of affordable housing. Any package of measures would need to be an entire community approach looking at clubs and opportunities for infants and the provision of services (including the minor injuries unit). The final solution needs to be a well thought out all-encompassing community strategy in order to make sure this is not a wasted investment in a fantastic school that is haemorrhaging pupils due to issues within the wider community.

Should you wish to discuss any of these points further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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Pitlochry High School estate transformation project

I would be most grateful if you would take note of my views on the above project.

I have lived and worked in Pitlochry since XXXXX as a XXXXX and retired in XXXXX. I still play an active role in the community. Both my sons attended Pitlochry High School from primary five to fourth year and Breadalbane Academy in fifth and sixth year. One is a XXXXX near XXXXX, the other works in XXXXX. Clearly they have both benefitted from their education in Pitlochry and Aberfeldy though I was aware that the transition from Pitlochry to Aberfeldy at the end of fourth year created a risk of being disadvantaged in the process.

I truly value the secondary school in Pitlochry. It is a great asset to the community. Through my membership of the Rotary Club of Pitlochry and our liaising with the school on many projects over the years, I am aware of the outstanding quality of both staff and pupils in Pitlochry High School. Pitlochry would be very much the poorer community without the secondary school.

The journey which pupils undertake every school day from Pitlochry to Aberfeldy in fifth and sixth year is hazardous. The road is narrow, poorly light, twisty and with a jarringly undulating, inadequate surface.

Rural communities are worth supporting. Everything is not just Perth; I note the vast sums of public money recently spent on infrastructure in that town; what about the rural communities! We need support to thrive.

I strongly object to your proposed future option number five, that of closure of the High School in Pitlochry for the following reasons:

1. The community is very likely to fail to thrive without a secondary school. Young families will desert the town; why would a young family move to a town with no school for their children? Schooling is a very high priority now for all young parents who will go to great lengths to get what they require for their children. The dualling of the A9 should make Pitlochry more attractive to young families and there must be satisfactory and convenient education for them.
2. The road between Pitlochry and Aberfeldy is inadequate for current requirements of ever larger cars and lorries attempting ever greater speeds. Add in extra busloads of school children and it takes no imagination whatsoever to foresee what disasters are waiting for them on that road twice a day.
3. The children are likely to suffer exhaustion from all the travelling from a young age and miss out on after school activities. There is great concern about mental health issues among children now and travelling en masse in this way is sure to exacerbate these problems. What would you choose for your children?

I understand that there are always compromises to be made in education but I urge you to look out with the developing urban sprawl of Perth and understand and support the needs of rural towns and villages.

Yours sincerely,
XXXXX

Pitlochry and Moulin Community Council
School estate transformation project.
Comments on the review of Pitlochry High School

Pitlochry and Moulin Community Council wish to associate themselves with the views expressed by the High School Parents Council. We would oppose any move to close a valuable school with an excellent record. We would prefer that the school reverts to an all-years school with the re-introduction of a 5th and 6th year and an appropriate level of investment in the school buildings. We would also ask the Council to consult with parents in the areas immediately out with the current catchment area to establish whether they would like the option of sending children to Pitlochry rather than Blairgowrie or Aberfeldy.

We would ask that these views are taken as the views of the Community Council.

The Schools Consultation Team.

I write to confirm my opposition to any attempts to close Pitlochry High School.

Pitlochry High School is a cherished and vital local resource, which plays a significant part in the local community.

Any closure of the school would see pupils forced to Breadalbane Academy – a school over 14 miles away, along rural roads. Transportation for pupils to Breadalbane would significantly lengthen their day – a round trip from Pitlochry High School to Breadalbane Academy would take approximately an hour in good weather with no significant traffic. This length of journey would be significantly increased for pupils staying further east of Pitlochry. Moreover, in periods of poor weather this journey will clearly pose a safety concern for the children.

Rather than facing closure, I am of the opinion that Pitlochry High School should be strengthened. Accordingly, I would support the provision of a fifth and sixth year at the school, along with investment in improving the school facilities.

From speaking to the community and meeting with local businesses, I know first-hand that there are significant issues in attracting families to the town. It was the consensus opinion of those I spoke to that any efforts to close Pitlochry High would have a profoundly negative impact on the area's ability to attract new residents, therefore worsening the acute economic challenges facing businesses in the region.

I am grateful for your consideration of my views, and I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Yours faithfully,
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Questionnaire for the Option for Pitlochry High School (Secondary)

What is your relationship to Pitlochry High School?

This is a combined questionnaire submitted by Parents and representative of the PHS Parent Council.

Option 1: Improve the condition rating of school

This has also been referred to as the 'do nothing' option and as a result will achieve very little for the children. The facts are that Pitlochry High school, the local Library and Leisure facilities in the town have seen very little, if any, investment for years. The school needs investment beyond simply keeping it safe and operational. There is a real opportunity to invest cost effectively to improve the facilities, combine with other public services in the town and create a 'fit for purpose' facility for the children and community and therefore provide an educational facility that our children deserve.

PKC should have been improving the condition consistently in the past. The fact that the Pitlochry High School has a poor condition rating for its buildings reflects badly on PKC's ability to maintain its own estate. This highlights a lack of routine investment in the facilities of the Pitlochry Community. A similar lack of investment can be noted in other PKC-owned facilities such as the library and leisure centre.

By only improving the condition of the school, which is essentially just doing nothing, as I would expect the buildings to be maintained anyway, PKC are missing the opportunity to improve the educational opportunities for pupils in the Highland Perthshire area.

Furthermore, a lack of expansion to S5 and S6 and not increasing of the catchment will likely still result in the closure of the school in the near future. As such, this option is detrimental to the pupils and community.

This option simply maintains the status quo, replacing capital investment that has been absent over recent years. This will be viewed as appeasement, until a future opportunity to close the high school becomes more likely to succeed, and as a missed opportunity to think

creatively about how the school estate could be utilised more fully to provide services to the community other than just pupils.

This was also referred to as the “Do Nothing” option by XXXXX. This comment gives a clear indication as to the amount of investment being considered. The school has had no significant investment for decades. It is the only two secondary schools in PKC area which is rated lower than a “B”. (The other is Perth High School but this has just been allocated a £50m refurbishment plan). A constant lack of investment is the only reason that the school building is rated as a “C”. Many other schools in PKC’s ownership would be rated lower than their current level but they have received investment. Breadalbane Academy is not owned by PKC but loaned from Axiom Education. An agreement which saw an overly ambitious projection of pupil numbers in that catchment area and now efforts are being made to justify it by continuing to take pupils from PHS.

CHOOSING THIS OPTION WOULD RESULT IN THE CLOSURE OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL AT SOME POINT.

Option 2: Improve condition rating of school and include S5 & S6 at Pitlochry High School to increase occupancy level.

This option would improve the education provision for children attending Pitlochry as it provides an uninterrupted and stable learning environment for those children wishing to learn through to S6. Pitlochry is the only one of two secondary schools in Scotland that does not have a S5 & S6 school roll.

There are innovative and cost effective ways to share the syllabus with neighbouring schools. For example, I understand the high schools of Perth already do just this. I am sure a variation of this could be adopted to ensure an enhanced teaching syllabus is delivered to both Pitlochry and Breadalbane high schools.

With reference to the projected figures, Pitlochry HS in 25/26 will have a 71% occupancy. Bearing in mind the requirements of timetabling flexibility and in built staff cover. What is the target occupancy for a school such as Pitlochry?

It seems obvious that an increase in the size of the school to include S5 and S6 is what the community would like to see as the outcome from the PKC school estates review. Furthermore, there are many reasons why this will have educational benefits. Research shows that long journeys to school have a negative impact on the mental and physical wellbeing of pupils, with a subsequent impact on their educational performance and health. It may also reduce the persistence of young people with the education system and result in leaving school without fulfilling their potential. As such, by offering a chance for Pitlochry pupils to reduce their travelling time to school and be educated locally at Pitlochry High School, PKC would improve educational opportunities to these pupils. Furthermore, by cementing the school’s future, it would benefit the community by strengthening the desirability of the town as a place to live and work.

As a stand-alone action, this may well add more cost per pupil, without addressing the need to offer a broad choice of subjects. Virtual teaching, and linking with other schools would have to be part of this, which it would seem is a “no brainer” for other class years, to broaden subject choice and improve value for money for the investment in the school estate.

PHS is one of only two secondary schools on Mainland Scotland which does not offer education to S5-S6. By introducing S5 & S6 into PHS the occupancy level would easily be above the 60% required. The school is not asking for anything over and above that which

has been granted to all of the other Secondary Schools in the PKC region, if not the rest of mainland Scotland!!!

Pitlochry High School has the highest level of S4 5@5 attainment of any Secondary School in the PKC region. Introducing S5 & S6 should not be seen taking a risk and would clearly offer a great opportunity to increase the educational benefit being offered to future Secondary School pupils

THIS IS THE ONLY OPTION WHICH WOULD NOT RESULT IN CLOSURE AT SOME POINT.

Option 3: Improve condition rating of school and extend catchment area to increase occupancy level

A review of catchment areas is welcomed and I would support this on the simple principle of minimising journey times to school. With the dualling of the A9, Pitlochry High would become the shortest commute for primary children at Dunkeld, compared to Breadalbane and Perth alternatives. Children from Kirkmichael also have a shorter commute to Pitlochry compared to Blairgowrie secondary school.

Extending the catchment is sensible, as it will provide an opportunity for pupils in Dunkeld to reduce their journey distance to high school. This would utilise the A9 dualling infrastructure project to improve the school bus journey for such children and reduce traffic on smaller and more hazardous rural B roads.

However, only extending the catchment does not address the issue raised by the community that they would prefer their children to have a stronger connection with their town for the duration of their schooling, as it would still necessitate a transition to S5 and S6 in Aberfeldy. As such, there are benefits to this option for some residents of Highland Perthshire, but the negative aspects of the current regime of S5 and S6 at Breadalbane, rather than locally, would persist. Furthermore, the issues that arise from pupils having a difficult transition from Pitlochry to Breadalbane at S5 (or choosing to discontinue their formal education) would continue in the future.

Just because someone built an overly sized school at Aberfeldy. Dunkeld to Pitlochry must be a safer and faster journey, than Dunkeld to Aberfeldy, especially after the A9 dualling is completed. Why bother upgrading A9 links, if we're going to bus people away from the A9 on back roads?

CHOOSING THIS OPTION WOULD RESULT IN THE CLOSURE OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL AT SOME POINT.

Option 4: S4 pupils move to Breadalbane Academy and review use of Pitlochry High School building

This is not a viable option and indeed is an admission that the current situation (S5 pupils move to Breadalbane) is substandard, which I agree. The best option for children at Pitlochry is to include S5 & S6 at Pitlochry.

Under this option, facilities and teaching at Pitlochry through to S3 would be reduced. No other school in Scotland has this potential arrangement and this is not acceptable. This option 4 feels like option 5 (Closure) in stealth.

I am concerned that the moral of teaching staff at Pitlochry would be impacted as the Pitlochry (Secondary) School would have no attainment or results targets. This would have

an impact on the teaching quality and therefore have a detrimental impact on the education provision for our children.

This is a sub-optimal option that is focused on cost reduction, without wider consideration of the teaching environment for our teachers and children.

This option would almost certainly result in the closure of Pitlochry High School, as parents would move their children to Breadalbane at S1 rather than forcing them to transition at S4. This would have a negative impact on the community as the closure of the school will reduce the number of families wanting to live in the area, erode community cohesion (for which the school has a major role). Knock on effects are likely to include fewer families moving to the area and the related economic impacts of working age parents not being available to fill vacancies in local businesses and services.

This is the first step to school closure, an immediate and clear result being that parents see exactly what PKC intentions are, closure by stealth, signalling an intent to dis-invest, and so will self-perpetuate class role reductions. This option 5 but on a longer time scale, and having worse consequences for those children "left behind".

Removing S4 pupils from PHS would result in a rapid decline in its roll and lead to it becoming unviable. Few, if any, teachers would want to teach in a secondary school that does not have examinations. At present, PHS does not have difficulty recruiting teachers but this would not be the case if S4 is removed.

CHOOSING THIS OPTION WOULD RESULT IN THE CLOSURE OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL AT SOME POINT.

Option 5: Close Pitlochry High School (Secondary) and pupils move to Breadalbane Academy.

This reckless, dangerous, irresponsible, costly and in terms of good educational practice a nonsensical option will benefit neither the children, the community nor the wider Perth and Kinross economy.

I have XXXXX children in Pitlochry High School (Primary) who unsurprisingly have different personalities. I know that one of my children's confidences would be destroyed by the stress of the lengthy journey to a larger school some distance away from home. The point is that whilst some children may thrive, I would expect that a large portion would not cope with the move and therefore their education and attainment will suffer.

This is a reckless option because it will not create the best learning environment for children. Children would be more tired with the extra commute to do homework and extra-curricular activities. The children get a very good education at Pitlochry High and I cannot see how this would be improved with the extra time and stress of moving to Breadalbane.

This is a dangerous option because instead of a short walk to school my children will be put on a bus for a round trip of 31 miles each day, or 155 miles per week. The road to Aberfeldy is narrow, twisting and certainly not suitable for a convoy of buses every day. In winter, this would be dangerous given weather and poor light conditions.

This is costly, as PKC would have to supervise such a large number of children on the buses to ensure the safety of the children. The additional cost of transportation and carbon emissions is also prohibitive to this option, at a time when we all have to reduce our carbon footprints. This option is irresponsible as any medical incident or emergency for which a parent has to collect their child from school they would have to travel the 31 mile round trip

to collect them, which may not always be possible due to access to travel or inclement weather. As a consequence what assurances can be given to us that Breadalbane Academy would be able to fully carry out their duty of care and protection?

This option will by design add approximately 120 mins of totally unproductive time to the school day for all travelling children which could have otherwise been spent preparing for the school day or engaging in extracurricular activities at the end of the day.

In terms of discipline and control. Who would be responsible for ensuring good behaviour on the buses and in the event of any misbehaviour who would be qualified and responsible for establishing the facts and consequently implementing behaviour modification strategies to ensure pupil safety in the long term? Our children's education is vitally important. One of the key considerations we had in moving to Pitlochry was to bring our children up in a good school and community environment. For the reasons set out above, if PKC pursue this option then as family we would choose not to put our children on a bus to Breadalbane and instead re-locate to the central belt.

From a community perspective, closure of the school would be devastating. Many parents are employed in the service and tourism sectors in the local area, which is a strong contributor to the Perth and Kinross economy. Businesses are already struggling to keep and retain staff; therefore, a closure of the school would only magnify this further. With inclusion of this option of closure in the review it is evident there is a lack of joined up thinking. The dualling of the A9, investment in the rail infrastructure and rural broadband is completely counter-intuitive to a decrease in the education provision in the area. Where is the long term economic strategy for the area? Closing the school is a big decision, which has implications for generations to come. I am not convinced that this review is taking a holistic, strategic approach to promote rural communities and their economy.

The future of Pitlochry as a thriving community and its economic strengths would be severely jeopardised by the closure of its high school. Such a cut to the community services of a large Highland town should be viewed as wholly unacceptable by PKC.

As a XXXXX I would not have chosen to invest in a business in Pitlochry and relocate my family here if there had been no High School. If that is how I feel, I would imagine that future potential investors in the area with school-aged families would feel the same.

The closure of the school may result in me reconsidering our residence in Pitlochry. This highlights the potential knock on effects of the school closure – it will not simply transfer pupils to Breadalbane Academy. Rather, it is likely to result in a further overall drain of people from the broader Highland Community.

This may make sense on an accountant's balance sheet, trying to backfill the oversized, mis-located Breadalbane Campus. That Breadalbane Campus has no doubt made a hugely positive impact to the Aberfeldy community. Why would anyone consider doing the reverse to Pitlochry, when the reverse consequences would obviously occur (i.e. hugely negative effect upon the Pitlochry and surrounding communities). Pitlochry is the largest Highland Community in PKC, according to the PKC LDP2 document, so why would you further cut community services.

Where is the PKC management vision for the sustenance of the Pitlochry and surrounding areas? Why would businesses want to locate or start up in an area that the council don't even see fit to invest in? Why would families wish to stay in, or move to, an area that has no secondary school (is this estates review and its potential reduction in investment already part of the reason the local health centre is unable to find local nursing staff)?

Why would any educational professional organisation consider closing a well performing school, to fill a school with a less than sterling performance and general reputation? Why would anyone consider putting kids on a bus for 1 or 2 hours every day, which would result in a negative to their physical health (sedentary and road traffic risk), emotional well-being

(loss of local after school links and peer group friendships), loss of parental inclusion/involvement in a distant school, environmental impact of increased road traffic when it's unnecessary (hope that PKC would not be in breach of Central Gov't targets to reduce carbon emissions)?

Obviously, this option would lead to the closure of the Secondary at Pitlochry High School but this would not be the only outcome if this option is chosen. The Primary school would not see its current levels, or projected number of pupils, as families move away from the area. This would then lead to a reduction in the number of people of employment age in the area and therefore making it almost impossible for all businesses to find employees. It should be noted that school staff are classed as employees and the school would experience the same difficulties recruiting.

This option MUST be rejected before anyone considers taking it seriously!!!

3) Are there any alternative options or proposals that you feel should be considered? (Please give details).

The option of investing in a new 'fit for purpose' building that includes nursery, primary and secondary schooling through to S5 & S6 and a hub for other public and community services is critical for the children and the community.

The whole Pitlochry High building, from nursery through to Secondary, requires modernisation. Investment in the Secondary school should not be considered in isolation from the investment required in nursery and primary schools. Capital and operational cost savings can be made through combining the three schools, which brings benefits to the children by sharing facilities and resources.

The town library and leisure facilities are operating in older, costly to run in inefficient buildings, which badly need investment. Relocating these to the school, combining these services would reduce costs and provide a better learning and active environment for the children and community and give a strong message to the community that PKC are committed to the principle of Life Long Learning in all their communities.

This is not about investing in a huge oversized building, but an innovative, low carbon, fit for purpose space that fits the needs of the community.

To ensure a wide range of subject choices are available to S5 and S6, innovative 'Perth City Campus' style learning initiatives should be introduced. This could be through distance learning with shared teaching resource between Breadalbane and Pitlochry. Such solutions should be actively promoted for rural schools and communities and there should be no excuse given the rollout of rural broadband infrastructure. The Open University provides an excellent example.

PKC should be looking at 21st century thinking for ALL their schools, rather than persisting with a Victorian approach to educational services. There are undoubtedly challenges with the provision of a high-quality education for all pupils across the authority, but PKC need to be creative in their approaches. This should include the opportunity to rethink the school staff so that shared teaching between schools becomes normal rather than exceptional. Technological solutions, with linking of schools via digital learning technologies should be further explored, as they already have been in many Scottish school systems.

Consider the potential benefits to the community, which includes the pupils and their families. Invest in the school in a creative way that improves the educational outcomes and also the community services, well-being and prosperity. Add S5 & S6, increase the

catchment to Kirkmichael, implement virtual learning via this new-fangled thing called the internet linking all schools in PKC, move the leisure centre and library, and other council services to the school, along with the costs which are associated to those satellite facilities. Library only open 16hrs/week; leisure centre closed at weekends, and neither could be classed as 21st century facilities.

The school buildings are vastly under-utilised at present, as they close at 3:30pm, close for very lengthy holidays and every weekend. Improved facilities would provide a source of income from use by the wider public, and deliver the services and facilities so needed by the vast land area it would serve, not to mention attraction of, and use by, visitors to the area, bringing further revenue to local businesses, and by default revenue to central and local gov't.

Why would any coherent organisation keep numerous facilities, all partly used and all of a condition needing upgrading? Centralising those services to what is the most beneficial for the users would strongly suggest making the school a community campus. PKC and many other councils throughout Scotland (and internationally) have already proven this to be an efficient model. If you've already got best practice to benchmark against, why would anyone who manages the public money for the benefit of the public that they serve, not chose to follow that best practice?

How would you describe the community and what are your thoughts on Pitlochry High School (Secondary) as part of the community?

Having moved from the XXXXX, the strong, friendly and inclusive community of Pitlochry has struck us. In my experience having now lived in city, urban and rural areas, the rural community is significantly stronger in identity and inclusion. The majority of parents are employed in, or run, local businesses and therefore the school is an essential integral part of the community.

The community drive all local initiatives such as the Enchanted Forest, the New Year Street Party, 'March into Pitlochry' and Highland Games. Local businesses have strong connections with the school, providing apprenticeships, work experience placements and supporting fund raising initiatives.

The hospitality sector relies on staff who have children in Pitlochry High school and it is vital that this continues. Any further threat to closure would have a direct impact on those businesses ability to attract and retain staff, which would have a direct impact on the town economy and the wider Perth and Kinross economy.

Pitlochry is a thriving highland town, but the community is increasingly seeing properties purchased as holiday rentals or second homes. This is resulting in fewer families being able to afford property in the area, which makes the economy of the town more fragile. Local businesses and services may find it increasingly difficult to recruit staff if families are dissuaded from living in this community. Staffing difficulties have already been experienced by the minor injuries unit at Pitlochry Community Hospital, which is closing at certain times as a result of unfilled nursing positions. A combination of expensive housing and a lack of high school are likely to make such staffing problems more common if there are both barriers to families joining the community and reasons for families to migrate away. I believe that a lack of high school would make families less likely to live in the town.

The school is a vital link between the young population of the town and other aspects of the community. If pupils were to be put on buses to receive their education in another town, they will feel less connected to their home town. Furthermore, the distance from home to

school would be problematic in the event that a parent/carer has to collect their child owing to a medical emergency.

There is a fine balance between a community feeling valued and positive and thereby engendering a willingness to support each other and it's local council, and the converse where it feels embattled through cuts not only to adult services but the sense that even children are no longer worthy of investment. Once the downward spiral of diminishing community spirit, business spirit, support for policing, support for voluntary organisation gets momentum, no local council will be able to reverse that trend. 80,000 visitors come to the "Enchanted Forest" each year over a 6 week period, which is managed largely by local community volunteers. How would local gov't replace that effort/impact if it were lost? In truth Pitlochry holds its visitor numbers due to local business and an historical reputation. Once that reputation is lost, the town will die. If lack of investment by PKC is replicated through the private sector, tourism and the personnel to support tourism will collapse. That scenario could so easily be nullified by taking this opportunity to invest in the education and services for the community all at the same time, getting the associated multipliers upon the return on investment by doing so. The community benefits would reach far up and down the A9 corridor, and to the often forgotten strands that branch off the A9.

The High School is an important link between the very young of primary and the adult population. Outsourcing that link will repeat the impact that all other outsourcing activities has been shown to have.

Why do you think the population of 0-19 year olds in Highland Perthshire is decreasing?

Any question that quotes statistics without first fully explaining the wider context is misleading and dangerous.

The facts (taken from National Records Scotland) are that the total population of 0-19 year olds across all electoral wards across Scotland is decreasing. The facts show that across Highland Perthshire and Scotland the population is ageing. Therefore, the demographic trends in Highland Perthshire are no different to the rest of Scotland.

On a positive note, the population of 0-5 year olds in Highland Perthshire is stable, whilst the rest of Scotland is showing a decline of 2% over the period 2011-2017.

This question is also unfair as the answers are always going to be of a negative nature. My personal view is that Pitlochry High School has been neglected and has seen under-investment for years and this along with the lengthy PKC estate transformation review process has had an impact on the school role.

I believe that this question should not have been asked here, but I will give an answer – I do not know the answer and I suspect no-one really does know the answer. The lack of detail in the presentation material provided by PKC for this review also fails to help me answer this question. For example, are there declines in all parts of this broad 0-19 age group or are some age ranges increasing and other decreasing? E.g. are 16-19 year olds a significantly declining part of this age bracket as they leave the area for educational and work opportunities?

The birth-rate throughout the world is decreasing, and this area is reflective of that. Maybe the lack of local and central gov't investment in rural services, with all focus being on poverty gaps in our cities, dissuades families from moving to Highland Perthshire. Keep funding Bertha Park developments and the like, and the 0-19 population will continue to decline. Other than that I've no idea. Why does that question have any relevance, other than to covertly make a point that reducing numbers supports school closure? You could have

asked the question..."Why do you think expenditure in Pitlochry High School has been decreasing?"

The children need a modern innovative learning environment, the status quo is not a sustainable option. Inclusion of S5 and S6 is necessary and this can be done through innovative techniques already proven and used elsewhere. Creating the option for our children to have an uninterrupted education from nursery through to S5 & S6 secondary education would be a huge improvement for the children and ensure each child needs are met without additional time and stress of travelling to another town and school not to mention the immeasurable benefits that the presence of S5 and S6 "student role models" will bring to the school. This has got to be the best option to 'Get It Right for Every Child'.

Do you have any other comments?

In summary.

- Treat the Secondary School the same as all of the others in the PKC region by introducing S5 & S6 (One of only two schools on mainland Scotland that doesn't do this)
- Provide the same levels of investment in the school and other community buildings as other in the PKC region. This includes the shortfall in funding not supplied over the last decade.
- Observe GIRFEC and the Health & Wellbeing policies.
- Consider those whose lives will be made extremely difficult if the Secondary School were to close.
- Share resources in Highland Perthshire, in particular, get the teachers to travel not the kids.
- Use PHS as a Centre of Excellence for ASN provision.
- Combine other local amenities to utilise the new investment in the school building to the maximum.
- Take a holistic approach to restructuring the changing educational requirements of Perth and Kinross, and in particular, Highland Perthshire.
- Education is a right not a privilege.
- PHS Secondary has the highest level of S4 5@5 attainment in the PKC region.
- Be creative. Don't try and resolve this by introducing more cuts.
- You will reap what you sow.
- Nobody ever downsized to greatness.
- Stop considering any option that would lead to closure of the Secondary School whether it be in the short or long term.

- Appreciate the differences between living in Perth and Highland Perthshire. Those of us who choose the latter do so deliberately and recognise the positive effect that this has on our children and as a result our families.
 - And so no, not everyone does want to live in cities!!!!
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Dear Sir/Madam

Pitlochry High School

I am writing to confirm my opposition to any attempts to close Pitlochry High School.

I have reviewed all five options which have been put to the public during the consultations in Pitlochry, Blair Atholl and Ballinluig. I do agree with many members of the community that this has given everyone a chance to review how secondary education is being delivered across Highland Perthshire.

Therefore, I would like to lend my support the delivery of fifth & sixth year from Pitlochry High school. The school does have additional capacity, and with the use of modern technology, core subjects can be delivered between both schools. I am sure that potentially more pupils will stay on at the school to study rather than having to make the choice of having to go to another school or leaving at 16.

Pitlochry High is a highly regarded community asset which was built in the 1970's and is in need of further investment into the fabric of the entire building. I recently attended a meeting with local businesses within Highland Perthshire. These businesses all mentioned how they are struggling to attract staff and in particular young families to come and work in the area. Everyone was in agreement that any form of closure would have a negative impact of the economy of Highland Perthshire. Our ability to encourage younger families to come to live and work in the area would all be affected by the loss of our secondary school.

In the event of any closure there would be an increase in the amount of daily travelling that pupils would have to go to get to school. With some parents already reporting that it takes them over an hour to get to Pitlochry, this would be to the detriment of raising attainment, with pupils being excluded from after school activities by location.

I would like to thank you for considering my comments and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours faithfully
Councillor Mike Williamson
Ward 4 Highland

Dear XXXXX

School Estates Review: Pitlochry High School

I am writing to you in relation to the on-going School Estate Review (SER) of Logierait Primary School being undertaken by the Education & Children's Services Department (ECS).

The Review

Firstly, I would like to say that I think that the way the Council has chosen to carry out this School Estates Review is fundamentally combative with the communities involved, my local communities, have felt like they're under attack mainly due to the option of closure being put on the table in the initial consultation. These communities have received a number of service/job losses in recent times including their local RBS banks within the last six months and to open up the door to further significant service loss is incredibly insensitive. This review has seriously damaged the Council's reputation in these communities and in future I would suggest that a model closer to that being currently used by Angus Council where school management groups or geographical areas are holistically looked at, and an open conversation takes place with the community about the current situation and how it could be improved would be a much better model. I as a Councillor who fundamentally disagrees with this review and the process – have had to spend considerable amounts of time trying to reassure the community that closure is not inevitable and has not already been decided on.

I would also like to state that I feel the communications around the review have been incredibly poor. No posters were put up in the local area except by the Parent Councils and no letters were sent home promoting the informal consultation events in some cases. The information about the schools was not available until after the consultation events had been announced – it would have been much better if these had been made available at the same time. The local councillors were also the last people to be informed about the options for our local schools – after the staff, Parent Councils, Community Councils in some cases and the press. This was incredibly discourteous and prevented us from being able to properly perform our role. However, I would like to also take this opportunity to say that the staff who have been directly supporting the review, have been great. They have been very helpful at answering any queries I, Parent Councils or others have had since the start of this process and showed great professionalism at all the informal community consultation events.

The Options

In regards to your first proposed future option for the school of "Improve condition rating of school". This should be getting done as standard in all our schools. We should not be leaving them to fall into a state of disrepair. My understanding was that work was to be undertaken over the summer holidays to rectify the part of the building that made Pitlochry a "C" for condition. I don't understand how the whole school can be rated "C" for condition, but the Primary School which is part of the same has not been included in the review? It had been in the Council's Composite Capital Budget until June 2018 when it was removed to pay for other priorities. The Primary School is approximately 45 years old and is of the same build style as a number of other schools that the Council has torn down in recent years and is also of the same build type as Perth High School which is programmed for a full replacement. Given that the Council not only removed the money for a replacement Primary in June 2018, but that the money previously allocated to improve the rating of the secondary over 7 years is now to cover the Primary and Secondary over a 10 year period, it would not appear that the Council is committed to improving the school in any meaningful way and I'm unclear about which part of the Administration's current Composite Capital Budget would fund these improvements above what is already planned.

In relation to your department's second proposed option for the school of "Improve condition rating of school and include S5 & S6 at Pitlochry High School to increase occupancy level". This is one of my preferred options and one I wish had been available to me when I was a pupil at Pitlochry. This option would likely help ensure families not only stay in the area, but many of the children whose parents have traditionally sent them to private school for 5th & 6th year would be less likely to do so. As outlined above I believe that improving the schools

condition should be done regardless of what option is progressed as part of good management of our school estate.

With regards to your third proposed option of “Improve condition rating of school and extend catchment area to increase occupancy level”. Again I support the proposal to improve the building condition and I also believe that the Council should explore the option to expand the catchment to include part or all of the Kirkmichael Primary School catchment, possibly as a dual catchment. I do not support the extension of the catchment into the Dunkeld area that would be to the detriment of Breadalbane Academy.

In relation to the proposed option four of “S4 pupils move to Breadalbane Academy and review use of Pitlochry High School building”. I’m strongly opposed to this option. The Council should expand the provision not reduce it. This will lead to closure from a falling roll.

With regards to option five of “Close Pitlochry High School (Secondary) and pupils move to Breadalbane Academy”. I am vehemently opposed to this option. It will lead to a significant decline in the number of families living in and moving to the area. It will lead to further de-population of young and working age people, further exasperating recruitment issues including of key workers into the area. The effect of this option would be massive and as I stated in an email to Cllr Shiers on 16th September 2018 this option should be removed. It should be removed not only due to the effect it would have on the community and on the children in terms of travel, but because it has no stated political support by any political group on the Council.

Further Options -

As I have stated at the informal consultation events, I strongly believe that a combination of introducing 5th & 6th year, extending the catchment to include some/all of the Kirkmichael catchment area, investment in improving the school building and co-location of library and leisure facilities gives the school the best opportunity to grow sustainably going forward. It also allows the Council to reduce it’s public estate locally and provide the children attending the best learning environment within a local setting.

I also feel there is opportunity for much greater sharing of resources across our two Highland Perthshire secondary schools. There are also opportunities for a mixed delivery model for the senior phase such as Video Conferencing for some subjects, allowing us to expand not reduce the offering for pupils at Pitlochry & Breadalbane.

A mixed location delivery model could also be considered for the delivery of a 5th & 6th year at Pitlochry High School. Where pupils may receive delivery of core subjects such as English & Maths at Pitlochry where there is enough of a critical mass to run a class, but for practical subjects where Video Conferencing is not an option, then a couple of days a week they could attend Breadalbane Academy to receive teaching on those subjects there.

Pitlochry High School could also provide a Northern Perthshire Special Needs Provision Hub, particularly in light of the recent closure of New School, Butterstone.

The School

As a former pupil I can attest to the high quality of education provided. My younger sister who also attended the school, went on to Oxford University afterwards, showing there are no barriers to attainment from attending the school. All schools have their issues and Pitlochry is no exception, but there are no significant issues that should lead to the closure of Pitlochry High School. Its attainment is significantly better than the PKC average and has consistently had good results. Some children attending Pitlochry High School have a three hour round

trip to attend Pitlochry. To then send them to Breadalbane, possibly from ten years old would mean some children potentially travelling up to five hours a day to/from their catchment secondary. To close this school would be of significant detriment to all those involved in my view.

The Community

Pitlochry is arguably the tourism capital of Perth & Kinross and one of the most visited destinations in Scotland. It has a thriving economy that supports thousands of jobs, with a significant number of major employers with hundreds of staff each. These employers struggle to recruit enough staff and younger people often move away from the area. The Council should be actively looking to support this kind of positive rural economic development and try and prevent further depopulation from the Highland Perthshire area by building and enabling more rural affordable housing which is seriously lacking. The Council has let down our rural communities as it continues to focus its investment and ambition towards Perth.

Next Stage

Given the very high level of engagement shown by the community and the deep desire to see the school thrive in the future, and given the Conveners statement at a recent committee that she wanted to see the Committee get out into our schools and communities - I feel it would be appropriate for the Lifelong Learning Committee meeting which shall be discussing the Pitlochry High School Options Appraisal to be held in Pitlochry and I shall be writing to the Convener of the Committee in this regard.

Conclusion

In summary, I am totally completely opposed to any proposal to close or reduce the offering at Pitlochry High School. Investment and improvements are what the Council should be looking at. The effect on the economy of Pitlochry and by extension Perth & Kinross would be significant, and would create a recruitment crisis in my view and those of many businesses. The community has shown resounding support for the retention of the school and the Council must now listen to that strong support.

Yours sincerely
Councillor Xander McDade
Ward 4, Highland

School Estates Review – Future of Pitlochry High School

I have been contacted by one of my constituents, who is a pupil at the above school. He has set out to me his views on the future of Pitlochry High School and he has asked me to convey them to you.

My constituent is of the view that it would be beneficial for the school and its pupils if Pitlochry High School was extended to become a senior secondary to take fifth and sixth year pupils. My constituent is of the view that pupils are at an important stage of schooling going into fifth year and feels that moving to a new school and a new town would be disruptive, particularly if the pupil has been schooled in the same place all through primary and secondary school.

My constituent is confident of the level of education at Pitlochry and wishes to continue his education there. My constituent also feels that bussing pupils to central schools is detrimental to the environment and contributes to climate change.

I would be grateful if you were able to reflect on these points and consider them as part of the decision making process. I look forward to hearing from you.

John Swinney MSP

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